



## TOWN OF LINCOLN

### FUEL EFFICIENT VEHICLE POLICY

#### Policy Statement

In an effort to reduce the Town of Lincoln's fuel consumption and energy costs, the undersigned hereby adopt a policy to purchase only fuel efficient vehicles for all town departments whenever such vehicles are commercially available and practicable.

#### Guidelines

All departments shall purchase only fuel-efficient vehicles for all non-exempt vehicle purchases pursuant to MA Department of Energy Resources Green Communities Division (MA DOER) guidelines. A vehicle inventory will be created annually for all non-exempt vehicles and a plan shall be established for replacing these vehicles with vehicles that meet, at minimum, the fuel efficiency ratings contained in the most recent guidance for Criteria 4 published by the MA Department of Energy Resources Green Communities Division. The fuel efficiency ratings contained therein are based on the most recently published US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) combined city and highway MPG ratings for vehicles. Prior to ordering any new or replacement non-exempt vehicle, departments shall check for updates for this Criteria 4 by MA DOER, and in the EPA fuel efficiency guidelines.

Alternative compliance measures shall be considered and implemented when and where appropriate for each department.

#### Definitions

**Exempt Vehicles** – Heavy duty vehicles such as fire trucks, ambulances, and public works trucks; police cruisers; passenger vans and cargo vans - unless such fuel efficient versions of these vehicles become commercially available. (All other vehicles, including emergency response vehicles under 8,500 pounds and for which there are fuel efficient models available, are non-exempt vehicles.)

**Heavy Duty Vehicle** - A vehicle with a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating of more than 8,500 pounds.

**Alternative Compliance** – Provision of carpooling incentives for employees; preferred parking for hybrid vehicles; bicycle racks at municipal buildings.

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For the Lincoln Board of Selectmen

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For the Lincoln School Committee

Date: \_\_\_\_\_