

Town of Maynard

Vehicle Fuel Efficiency Policy and Replacement Plan

The Maynard Board of Selectmen hereby adopt, order and instruct the following policy as means to reduce emissions and dependency on fossil fuels. The Town of Maynard is committed to providing efficient, cost-effective and environmentally friendly services to its citizens.

The Board of Selectmen commits that the municipality will continue to maintain a vehicle inventory for all vehicles including non-exempt vehicles and replace said vehicles when they arrive at end of their useful life with vehicles that meet the fuel efficiency ratings below. Vehicles which do not meet present day fuel efficiency standards will not be offered to, use by or circulated to other departments internally. Based on 2010 EPA data, vehicles are to have a combined city and highway MPG no less than the following:

- 2 wheel drive car: 29 MPG
- 4 wheel drive car: 24 MPG
- 2 wheel drive small pick-up truck: 21 MPG
- 4 wheel drive small pick-up truck: 19 MPG
- 2 wheel drive standard pick-up truck: 17 MPG
- 4 wheel drive standard pick-up truck: 16 MPG
- 2 wheel drive sport utility vehicle: 21 MPG
- 4 wheel drive sport utility vehicle: 18 MPG

Hybrid or electric vehicles in these vehicle classes will be considered when appropriate. The Town of Maynard will use information provided at the following site: <http://www.fueleconomy.gov/> as a guide to reducing use of carbon based vehicles when possible. The above table of standards for fuel efficient vehicles will annually and automatically be adjusted to the Federal Environmental Protection Agencies guidelines.

The Town of Maynard will encourage efficient driving practices and furthermore will maintain a monitoring system to record miles driven, fuel consumption, etc. for each vehicle in every department. The goal of this monitoring system will help facilitate the municipality's reduction in aggregate energy consumption. A monitoring system will record the municipality's reduction in aggregate energy consumption.

Public Safety vehicles are exempt from this policy, but every effort should be taken to reduce mileage, maintain vehicle performance and seek high fuel efficient models as they become available to the extent appropriate. The town will continue to maintain an inventory of all safety vehicles and will track energy consumption of these vehicles.

All departments will be informed of this policy and be apprised of the need to work to reduce fuel consumption.

Replacement Plan

All non-exempt vehicles shall be replaced with fuel efficient vehicles that meet the fuel efficiency ratings outlined in this Policy. Vehicles shall be replaced when they are no longer operable and will not be recycled from one municipal department to another unless the recycled replacement vehicle meets the fuel efficiency ratings outlined in this Policy.

Whenever a vehicle is replaced the Town Administrator will be given the records of vehicle use which includes the miles per gallon or hours per gallon for the vehicle and the expected miles per gallon or hours per gallon that is derived from the replacement vehicles specifications.

This Vehicle Fuel Efficiency Policy and Replacement Plan shall be reviewed by the Town and the School Department on an annual basis.

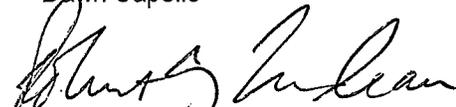
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