



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Submitted on:
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Department Name:	General Services
Department No.:	063
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Vote Required:	Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: General Services: Kirk Lagerquist, Director
Contact Info: John Green, Assistant Director

SUBJECT: Electric Vehicle Charging Rate Structure and Parking Resolution

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Kirk Lagerquist
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County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence CEO Budget, Risk

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- Adopt a Resolution establishing electric vehicle (EV) fees relating to public use of electric vehicle service equipment (EVSE) in Countywide parking lots; and
- Determine that the adoption of the Resolution is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 21080(b)(8) of the California Public Resources Code and CEQA Guidelines Section 15273(a)(1), (2), (3) and (4).

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Summary:

This action will update the Electric Vehicle Parking Fee Resolution by authorizing the Director of General Services to implement, modify, or eliminate the “Dwell Fee” for parking in an Electric Vehicle Charging Station stall for more than four hours between the hours of 7:00 AM and 9:00 PM.

Discussion:

The County is seeking to add flexibility within the Electric Vehicle Parking Fee Resolution. The charging rates themselves will remain unchanged by this update.

Background:

In 2020, a resolution was passed to establish the rates for Electric Vehicle Service Equipment (EVSE) owned by the County based on the electricity rate at that point in time. Since the resolution did not permit the General Services Director to adjust the public EVSE rate, these rates have remained consistent to date.

Throughout the Central Coast, cities and counties currently utilize a wide range of values for their EVSE charging rates. On the low end, some municipalities do not charge anything for the use of their EVSE, while others have displayed rates as high as \$0.64 per kWh during hours of peak demand (4:00PM – 9:00PM). Private EVSE, such as the Tesla units in Goleta, charge a rate of \$0.29 per kWh during periods of low demand (11:00PM – 4:00AM) and \$0.51 per kWh during peak demand. County staff have elected to set a static EV rate rather than having the cost fluctuate throughout the day.

Moving forward, the EVSE rate will no longer include a \$0.10 per minute “dwell fee” for customers that are parked in EVSE spots for longer than 4 hours between 7:00AM and 9:00PM. This fee was intended to maximize the availability of EVSE throughout the County and encourage users whose vehicles are sufficiently charged to vacate the parking space so that others may utilize the EVSE. However, County staff have received feedback from drivers that the dwell fee adds confusion and discourages use of EVSE. It is in the County’s interest to maximize EVSE use and thus staff are requesting to update the resolution, providing the Director of General Services with the authority to implement, modify, or remove the dwell fee where appropriate.

Attachments:

Attachment A – County of Santa Barbara EV Parking Fee Resolution

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