



Legislation Text

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TITLE:

Consideration of Proposed Text Amendments to the Land Use Ordinance to Establish Requirements for EV Charging Stations

PURPOSE: The purpose of this item is for the Town Council to consider a draft ordinance to amend the Land Use Ordinance that would add new requirements for EV charging stations and EV ready infrastructure to the existing parking standards in Article XVIII. A revised draft ordinance has been provided.

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INFORMATION: On May 18, 2021, the Town Council held a public hearing on a draft ordinance to amend the LUO by adding new requirements for EV charging stations and EV ready infrastructure for developments with more than 50 required parking spaces, and for EV infrastructure for parking in the common areas in residential developments with 15 or more dwelling units ([Town of Carrboro - Meeting of Town Council on 5/18/2021 at 7:00 PM \(legistar.com\)](https://carrboro.legistar.com/MeetingDetail.aspx?ID=823952&GUID=4243CAA8-2A85-4862-8973-CC00C559AA4C&Options=&Search=>) <<https://carrboro.legistar.com/MeetingDetail.aspx?ID=823952&GUID=4243CAA8-2A85-4862-8973-CC00C559AA4C&Options=&Search=>>>).

Discussion at the public hearing resulted in four changes to the draft ordinance:

- 1) The word “circuit” was replace with the word “panel” in the EV Ready definition;
- 2) The threshold number of parking spaces to require EV infrastructure was reduced from more than 50 spaces to more than 35 spaces;
- 3) The requirement for an EV charging station to be placed in an ADA parking space was modified with additional language to clarify that this space shall be in addition to whatever ADA spaces are otherwise required on the site.
- 4) The language regarding the prohibition on non-EV vehicles parking in EV designated parking spaces was reworded for clarification.

A revised draft ordinance showing the changes in tracking is provided as Attachment D.

After the public hearing was closed, staff was directed to bring back the revised draft ordinance for consideration at a future meeting after the conclusion of the 24-hour comment period.

The Council also requested a follow-up report on the new requirements two-years after adoption. A second resolution has been provided as Attachment C to formalize that request.

FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT: Public notice costs and staff time are associated with the review of text amendments for public hearings and advisory board review.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Council consider adopting the resolution for consistency (*Attachment A*), the revised draft ordinance (*Attachment B*), and the resolution requesting the follow-up report (*Attachment C*).