

New Orleans City Council Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Infrastructure – FAQs

QUESTION: Does the Council support the deployment of EV charging infrastructure as a priority?

ANSWER: Yes. The Council has stated that the construction, location, and operation of EV charging infrastructure is in the public interest and should be encouraged as consistent with the Council's support of the City's strategy regarding climate action, resiliency, and the Paris Climate Agreement. [Council Resolutions R-18-100, R-17- 428, and R-17-303]

QUESTION: Does the Council support extend to both public and private property?

ANSWER: Yes. The Council has explicitly stated that the location, construction, and operation of EV charging stations should be encouraged on both public and private property. [Council Resolution R-18-100]

QUESTION: Has the Council limited the construction, ownership, and operation of EV charging stations to Entergy New Orleans (ENO) or other utilities regulated by the Council?

ANSWER: No. The Council has explicitly stated that such facilities may be owned and operated by private entities. [Council resolution R –18–100]

QUESTION: If private entities own and/or operate such facilities do they become "public utilities" subject to Council utility regulation?

ANSWER: No. The Council has specifically determined that such operators are not public utilities subject to Council utility regulation provided that the power used in the operations is purchased from ENO. [Council Resolution R-18-100]



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QUESTION: Are the prices such operators may charge to EV vehicle owners controlled by the Council?

ANSWER: No. Private entity owners/operators are free to charge any price or provide the service free to customers provided that the power used in the operations is purchased from ENO.

QUESTION: Are private entity operators free from all regulations?

ANSWER: No. Such owners/operators must comply with other non-utility regulations, e.g., zoning and land use, master plan, permitting, revenue and tax implications, etc.

QUESTION: Is the Council planning further proceedings to address other EV infrastructure issues?

ANSWER: Yes. The Council recognizes this area is evolving and welcomes input from stakeholders through the existing docket and any future proceedings to address the array of EV-related matters. [UD-18-02]

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