



City of Huntington Beach

File #: 18-590

MEETING DATE: 1/22/2019

REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

SUBMITTED TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

SUBMITTED BY: Fred A. Wilson, City Manager

PREPARED BY: Ursula Luna-Reynosa, Director of Community Development

Subject:

Expedite Permit Process for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations on Private Property by approving for introduction Ordinance No. 4166

Statement of Issue:

Transmitted to City Council for consideration is an ordinance to create an expedited, streamlined permitting process for electric vehicle charging stations on private property.

Financial Impact:

Not applicable.

Recommended Action:

Approve for introduction Ordinance No. 4166, "An Ordinance of the City of Huntington Beach Adding Chapter 17.62 to the Huntington Beach Municipal Code Regarding Expedited Electric Vehicle Charging Station Permitting."

Alternative Action(s):

The City Council may make the following alternative motions:

1. Do not approve for introduction Ordinance No. 4166 and direct staff accordingly.

Analysis:

As electric vehicles have increased in popularity, the City has seen more interest from private property owners, both residential and commercial, to install electric vehicle charging stations at their properties. To promote and encourage the use of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations, to limit obstacles to their use, and to promote the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Huntington Beach, the City desires to create an expedited, streamlined permitting process for the installation of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations. Staff has prepared an ordinance for City Council consideration.

The ordinance clearly articulates a ministerial process for approving Electric Vehicle Charging Stations by providing objective criteria via a checklist (one for residential properties and one for

commercial properties). If an application meets the objective requirements established via the proposed ordinance then a permit shall be issued immediately. The ordinance also provides that the City will allow for electronic submittals of applications. These changes help to expedite and streamline the permitting process for the installation of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations.

Environmental Status:

The proposed ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Guidelines Section 15061, subdivision (b)(3), which applies where there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment. The proposed ordinance establishes a streamlined/expedited permit process for EV-charging stations. No development or physical changes to the environment would occur as a result.

Strategic Plan Goal:

Enhance and Maintain City Service Delivery

Attachment(s):

1. Ordinance No. 4166 adding Chapter 17.62 to the Huntington Beach Municipal Code
2. EV Charger Checklist (Residential)
3. Commercial EV Charger Checklist