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PRESS RELEASE

Charging to charge: Winter Park to implement Electric Vehicle connection rates

WINTER PARK, FL (September 19, 2024) Since the City of Winter Park installed its first EV charging station in 2012, the usage patterns associated with the EV charging stations have changed. The charge-for-free nature of the city's public-facing charging stations has become a source of increasing complaints related to vehicles using a charger for extended periods—even overnight, parked un-connected to a charger or left connected to the charger for extended periods when already fully charged.

To reinforce the true purpose of the spaces created exclusively to charge EVs, on Friday, November 1, the city will begin implementing its new EV Charger connection rates:

- \$1 per 20-minutes of connected time, billed at the start of the charging period.
- Add \$10 per hour after 3 hours of connected time, billed at the start of each hour.

Please access cityofwinterpark.org/EVCharging for examples of EV charging rates.

In addition, the Winter Park Police Department will begin issuing citations to enforce the following parking restrictions at public-facing EV charging station spaces:

- EVs must be connected to the charging station when parked in the space.
- Non-EVs are prohibited from parking in spaces designated for EV charging in accordance with city ordinances.

Charging to charge is not unique to Winter Park, in fact charging rates are a normal function of EV ownership. They are applied by utilities such as OUC and Florida Power and Light at stations located at Orlando Utilities Commission Robinson Recharge Mobility Hub and cities of Dunedin, Green Acres, Celebration and Jacksonville Beach.

12 years ago, the city installed six grant-funded public Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations. Now in 2024, the city offers 11 EV charging stations for residents and guests to charge up while they shop, dine and enjoy city amenities. Offering EV charging stations is important to the city as it supports the commitment to reducing greenhouse emissions and also furthers the goals of its [Sustainability Action Plan](#). For more information regarding EV Charging Stations and connection fees, please access cityofwinterpark.org/EVCharging or sustainability@cityofwinterpark.org.

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