

**Town of Lyons, Colorado
Board of Trustees
BOT Agenda Cover Sheet
Agenda Item No: VII.5
Meeting Date: October 7, 2024**

TO: Mayor Rogin and Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Andrew Bowen, Senior Planner

DATE: 10/3/2024

ITEM: 1st Reading – Ordinance 1174 – an Ordinance of the Town of Lyons, Colorado, Amending the Zoning Code to include EV Charging Stations

☒ ORDINANCE
☐ MOTION / RESOLUTION
☐ INFORMATION

- I. **REQUEST OR ISSUE:** Staff are requesting that the BOT consider an ordinance to allow Electric Vehicle Charging Stations in every zone district as a Conditional Use in all districts except for the industrial districts as a use by right and a Use By Special Review in the CEC District.
- II. **PROJECT HISTORY:** The Town has received a grant to locate an EV Charging Station in Sandstone Park. However, the code does not mention EV Charging Stations, so this would currently not be allowed. A Text Amendment was proposed for one district; staff is requesting that all districts be considered.

This Text Amendment has been sent to the Town's Utilities and Engineering Board and the Sustainable Futures Commission for comment.

- III. **RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER PLANS:** This Text Amendment supports the following Lyons Thrive Strategies:

Policy NE 2.5 Greenhouse gas reduction

Invest in infrastructure and improvements to encourage the adoption of electric vehicles and equipment (e.g., electric golf cars, scooters, bikes, etc.), encourage transit use for regional trips, enhance safety and comfort for local walking and biking trips, and implement other strategies that help reduce greenhouse gas emissions. (See also, Goals PR-2 and TR-2 and associated policies.)

Policy TR 3.1 Dedicated travel corridors

Identify, designate, improve, and market dedicated travel corridors for specific travel modes and purposes, including but not limited to dedicated routes for golf cars, bicycles, electric vehicles, large-scale events, and emergency evacuations.

TR-1.j: Assess needs, map, and pursue funding and construction for a comprehensive electric vehicle charging network. Charging stations should include a broad range of EV's including cars, trucks, golf carts, bicycles and scooters.

IV. RECOMMENDED ACTION / NEXT STEPS: Staff recommends that the BOT schedule a second reading and public hearing for this Text Amendment.

V. FISCAL IMPACTS: No fiscal impacts are foreseen at this time.

VI. LEGAL ISSUES: No legal issues are foreseen at this time.

VII. CONFLICTS OR ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES: No conflicts or environmental issues are foreseen at this time.

VIII. SUMMARY AND ALTERNATIVES: The BOT could decide not to proceed with this request or to adjust the recommendation to specific zones. .

Proposed Motion: "I move to approve Ordinance 1174 (an Ordinance of the Town of Lyons, Colorado, Amending the Zoning Code to include EV Charging Stations) on first reading and schedule a public reading and second reading for October 21st."