

**Town of Lyons, Colorado
Board of Trustees
BOT Agenda Cover Sheet
Agenda Item No: VII.1
Meeting Date: October 21, 2024**

TO: Mayor Rogin and Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Andrew Bowen, Senior Planner

DATE: 10/11/2024

ITEM: 2nd 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 both 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. Since a Text Amendment is proposed for one district, staff request that all districts be reviewed for appropriateness.

This Text Amendment has been sent to the Town's Utilities and Engineering Board and Sustainable Futures Commissions for comment. No comments have yet been received.

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.

PolicyTR-1j:

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 consider and approve all Text Amendments as drafted.

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

VI. LEGAL ISSUES: No legal issues are foreseen at this time. The town attorney has reviewed the ordinance.

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

VIII. SUMMARY AND ALTERNATIVES: The BOT could decide to amend the areas that are being recommended, or not approve this ordinance on second reading.

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 second reading."