

REVISED LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

(Substituted, 11/13/2018)

[Building Code - Electric Vehicle Charging Stations - Expedited Permit Process]

Ordinance amending the Building Code to enact an expedited and streamlined permit process for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations; affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; and directing the Clerk to forward this Ordinance to the California Building Standards Commission upon final passage.

Existing Law

Building Code Section 110A, Table 1A-E establishes the fees for electrical permit issuance and inspection. The fee that the Department of Building Inspection currently charges for the installation of an Electric Vehicle ("EV") Charging Station is the fee listed in Category 3 for Service Distribution and Utilization Equipment.

Amendments to Current Law

Section 106A.1.16 is added to the Building Code to codify the Department of Building Inspection's existing administrative process for streamlining and expediting the review and approval of applications for a permit to install an EV Charging Station. Section 110, Table 1A-E is amended to list Installation of EV Charging Stations separately under Category 5 - Miscellaneous Installations, with the same fee that is currently being charged.

Background Information

On January 1, 2016, Assembly Bill 1236 went into effect. It added Section 65850.7 to the Government Code, requiring every city, county, or city and county with a population of 200,000 or more residents to adopt an ordinance by September 30, 2016 that creates an expedited, streamlined permitting process for electric vehicle charging stations and a checklist of requirements consistent with the Legislature's goals and intent. City departments currently review applications and issue permits for electric vehicle charging stations through a streamlined and expedited administrative process that complies with the Legislature's mandate and intent.

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