

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM



TO: Joseph Davis, Director, DREAM

FROM: Jessica Lavender, Energy & Sustainability Manager, DREAM

DATE: July 21, 2025

SUBJECT: EV Charging Station Public Hearing Summary

This memorandum provides a summary of the following public hearings regarding Electric Vehicle (EV) charging station rates and provides a recommendation for the rate moving forward.

- June 2nd, 5:30pm-6:30pm, Sandy Springs Library
- June 3rd, 5:30pm-6:30pm, Metropolitan Library

Background

Fulton County currently has six public charging stations installed at county buildings. Four charging stations with a total of seven ports are at the Metropolitan Library, and two charging stations with a total of three ports are at the Animal Services Facility. According to Policy 600-69, departments are required to provide notice to the public prior to the implementation of new fees for County services, such as the use of an EV charging station.

DREAM partnered with External Affairs to publicize two public hearings about the charging station rates. Publicity included:

- issuing a press release,
- posting information on the Fulton County website,
- posting printed notification at the Fulton County Government Center and the North and South Government Service Centers, and
- running an ad in the Fulton County Neighbor.

Proposed Rate

DREAM proposed the following rate structure for current and future Level 2 charging stations.

- A fee of \$0.25 per kWh.

- After 2 hours, drivers will be charged an extra \$2/hour to discourage them from leaving their vehicles in the charging station spots all day.
- A maximum charge of \$50 to prevent someone from being charged an excessive fee.

June 2nd Public Hearing

The June 2nd public hearing had two attendees. One attendee, Ivan Shustack, provided a comment. The other attendee was just there to observe. Someone from the media also attended and took some video footage. Mr. Shustack's comments are summarized below.

- He is a member of the EV Club of the South.
- The rate seems fair. He likes that there is no start session fee.
- Charging stations should have credit card readers so that drivers don't have to download another app.
- Only common charging station brands and apps should be used.
- He observed that some of the new truck models coming out have batteries large enough to need more than \$50 to fully charge.

June 3rd Public Hearing

The June 3rd public hearing had only one attendee – Richard Case from Commissioner Arrington's district. Mr. Case was there to observe, not provide a comment. We did receive one comment via email from local resident Zubair Hussain. Mr. Hussain recently purchased his first EV and is very excited about the charging stations at the Metropolitan Library. He said the proposed rate was great, but he requested that the extra \$2/hour charge take effect after three or four hours rather than two hours. He also requested lower prices in the evening, however our charging stations will not be available in the evening.

Recommendation

DREAM recommends that the Board approve the proposed charging station rate with one modification: no maximum charge. DREAM recommends removing the maximum charge for three reasons. First, as Ivan Shustack commented, batteries are continuing to increase in capacity, which means that over time it will cost more to fully charge a vehicle. Second, DREAM recently learned that one of the county's charging station vendors, Blink, does not have the software capability to offer a maximum charge. Third, offering a maximum charge does not appear to be common in the industry.

DREAM is aiming to bring the rate before the Board as an agenda item at the August 6th Board meeting.

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