



Legal Notice

Date: 04/09/2026

Subject: An ordinance on first reading amending the Unified Land Use Code (ULUC) regarding Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations

Passed/Failed: Passed on first reading

CITY OF LITTLETON, COLORADO

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LITTLETON, COLORADO, APPROVING A CODE TEXT AMENDMENT TO TITLE 10 UNIFIED LAND USE CODE REGARDING 2024 LEGISLATIVE UPDATES ON ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING

WHEREAS the General Assembly of the State of Colorado passed HB24-1173 requiring municipalities, with a population over 10,000, to adopt an ordinance incorporating the same, or less restrictive, standards and a permitting process as those adopted within the Colorado Energy Office’s EV Charger Permitting Model Code (“Model Code”); and

WHEREAS on March 9th, 2026, the planning commission held a public hearing to consider PC Resolution 02-2026, a recommendation to the Littleton City Council on the adoption of the code text amendment, which passed 5 to 0.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LITTLETON, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1: Littleton City Code, Title 10, Table 10-1-1.3.1 Land Use Matrix is hereby amended to read as follows, by adding capitalized material and striking through deleted material, as follows. In this section, ellipses indicate material not reproduced as the Littleton City Council intends to leave that material in effect, as it now reads.

C. Land Use Standards. ...

Table 10-1-1.3.1 Land Use Matrix																
Category	Specific Use	Downtown (DT)				Corridor Mixed-Use (CM)		Neighborhood (NB)					Business and Industry (BI)		Open Space (OS)	Standards
		DNR	DTA	DMS	DMU	NC	CM	ACR	LLR	MLR	SLR	MFR	BC	IP		
Vehicle sales and services	ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) CHARGING, PRINCIPAL	-	P	-	P	P	P	-	-	-	-	CS	P	P	-	10-1-1.4.D

	PAL USE ¹															
Commercial Accessory Uses	Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Accessories	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	10-1-1.6.A

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35 Table Notes:

- 36 1. STANDARDS FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) CHARGING ACCESSORY USE
 37 SHALL BE FOUND IN SUBSEC. 10-1-1.6.A ACCESSORY USES.
 38 2. A tiny home community may occupy up to 10 percent of a development subject to Master
 39 Development Plan approval.
 40 3. Duplex or twin home dwellings are not permitted in the SLR district south of W. Caley
 41 Avenue.

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43 **Section 2:** Littleton City Code, Title 10, Table 10-1-1.4.D Commercial and Office Land
 44 Uses, is hereby amended to read as follows, by adding capitalized material and striking through
 45 deleted material, as follows. In this section, ellipses indicate material not reproduced as the
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48 **Section 10-1-1.4 Land Use Standards ...**

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50 Subsec. 10-1-1.4.D Commercial and Office Land Uses

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A. Brewery, Distillery, and Winery ...

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F. ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) CHARGING, PRINCIPAL USE.

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1. *APPLICABILITY.* THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS PERTAIN TO
 57 EV CHARGING, PRINCIPAL USES. STANDARDS FOR EV CHARGING,
 58 ACCESSORY USE MAY BE FOUND IN SUBSEC. 10-1-1.6.A ACCESSORY USES.

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2. *ZONING STANDARDS.* ADDITIONAL ZONING PROVISIONS SHALL BE
 60 ADHERED TO PER DISTRICT EXCEPT FOR APPLICABLE SCREENING WITHIN
 61 TITLE 10.

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3. EV CHARGING, PRINCIPAL USE, SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING:

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A. *LOCATION OF EV CHARGING STATIONS AND EV CHARGING ELECTRICAL
 64 UTILITY EQUIPMENT.* THE CHARGING STATION AND UTILITY
 65 EQUIPMENT MAY BE LOCATED WITHIN THE SETBACK.

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B. *CANOPY DESIGN.* CANOPIES OVER SERVICE ISLANDS SHALL BE
 67 INTEGRAL TO THE BUILDING DESIGN IN TERMS OF COLOR,
 68 CLADDING, AND ROOFING MATERIAL.

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C. *CAR WASH VEHICLE CIRCULATION AND STACKING.* CIRCULATION FOR
 70 A CAR WASH SHALL BE SEPARATE FROM THE REST OF THE SITE AND

- 71 STACKING SHALL COMPLY WITH SUBSECTION 10-1-3.7.C, *PARKING*
72 *AND LOADING DESIGN*.
- 73 D. THE DESIGN OF EV CHARGING STATIONS SHALL ENSURE
74 UNOBSTRUCTED SAFETY AND ACCESS CLEARANCES FOR
75 ASSOCIATED ELECTRICAL UTILITY EQUIPMENT, PER THE NATIONAL
76 FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION (NFPA) STANDARDS AND
77 NATIONAL ELECTRIC SAFETY CODE (NESC), INCLUDING FEATURES
78 SUCH AS LANDSCAPING OR FENCE
- 79 E. *CONVENIENCE STORE*. A CONVENIENCE STORE MAY BE LOCATED ON
80 THE SITE AND SHALL ONLY BE PERMITTED AS A CONDITIONAL USE
81 IN THE FOLLOWING ZONE DISTRICTS: NC, CM, BC, AND IP.
- 82 F. *PROCESS*. A SITE PLAN PROCESS IS REQUIRED TO ENTITLE AN EV
83 CHARGING STATION, PRINCIPAL
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85 **Section 3:** Littleton City Code, Title 10, Article 10-1-1.6.A *Accessory Uses*,
86 Subsection D is hereby amended to read as follows, by adding capitalized material and striking
87 through deleted material, as follows. In this section, ellipses indicate material not reproduced as
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90 **D. Standards Applicable to Specific Accessory Uses.**

- 91 1. *Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)* ...
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94 9. EV CHARGING, ACCESSORY USE

- 95 A. *WHERE PERMITTED*. ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING AS AN ACCESSORY USE
96 SHALL BE ALLOWED IN ANY ZONE DISTRICT.
- 97 B. *BUILDING Permit Required*. IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO
98 INSTALL, OPERATE, OR MAINTAIN ONE OR MORE EV CHARGING STATIONS
99 WITHOUT OBTAINING A BUILDING PERMIT. NO OTHER SITE PLAN OR LAND
100 USE PERMIT IS REQUIRED WHEN EV CHARGING IS PROPOSED AS A
101 STANDALONE ADDITION TO AN EXISTING SITE.
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- 104 C. ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING, ACCESSORY USE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO
105 THE FOLLOWING:
- 106 1. THE DESIGN OF EV CHARGING STATIONS SHALL ENSURE
107 UNOBSTRUCTED SAFETY AND ACCESS CLEARANCES FOR EV
108 CHARGING ELECTRICAL UTILITY EQUIPMENT, PER THE NATIONAL
109 FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION (NFPA) STANDARDS AND NATIONAL
110 ELECTRIC SAFETY CODE (NESC), INCLUDING FEATURES SUCH AS
111 LANDSCAPING OR FENCES.
- 112 2. EV CHARGING STATIONS AND EV CHARGING ELECTRICAL UTILITY
113 EQUIPMENT SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM THE FOLLOWING:

- 114 a. SETBACK REQUIREMENTS; AND
 115 b. BUFFERYARD REQUIREMENTS.
 116 3. WHEN ACCESSORY USE EV CHARGING IS DEVELOPED IN
 117 CONJUNCTION WITH A PRINCIPAL USE, THE SCREENING AND
 118 PRINCIPAL USE REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO THE UNDERLYING
 119 ZONE DISTRICT MUST BE MET. WHEN EV CHARGING IS ADDED AS AN
 120 ACCESSORY USE TO AN EXISTING SITE, THE SCREENING AND
 121 PRINCIPAL USE REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO THE UNDERLYING
 122 ZONE DISTRICT MUST BE MAINTAINED TO THE DEGREE THEY ARE
 123 CURRENTLY MET.
 124 4. SITE CONFORMANCE IMPROVEMENTS ARE NOT REQUIRED FOR EV
 125 CHARGING STATIONS AND EV CHARGING UTILITY EQUIPMENT THAT
 126 MAINTAIN THE EXISTING CONFIGURATION OF LOTS AND
 127 STRUCTURES.
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131 **Section 4:** Littleton City Code, Title 10, Article 10-1-3.4, Table 10-1-3.4.1
 132 Sustainability Incentives is hereby amended as follows, by adding capitalized material and striking
 133 through deleted material, as follows. In this section, ellipses indicate material not reproduced as
 134 the Littleton City Council intends to leave that material in effect, as it now reads.
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Schedule	Type of Practice	Documentation of Compliance
B	Electric vehicle charging STATIONS TOTALING 5% OR GREATER THAN THE MINIMUM REQUIRED, PER BUILDING CODE	Indication on Site Plan or Master Development Plan

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 137 **Section 5:** Littleton City Code, Title 10, Article 10-1-3.7.A, Table 10-1-3.7.A.1
 138 Required Off-Street Parking is hereby amended as follows, by adding capitalized material and
 139 striking through deleted material, as follows. In this section, ellipses indicate material not
 140 reproduced as the Littleton City Council intends to leave that material in effect, as it now reads.
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Category	Specific Use	Minimum ³	Maximum
Commercial Accessory Uses	Electric vehicle charging station ^{4, 5, 6}	AS REQUIRED PER BUILDING CODE.	NONE
Table Notes: 1. ... 3. ... 4. EV CHARGING STATION. WHEN EV CHARGING IS PROVIDED, ACCESSIBLE EV CHARGING PARKING REQUIREMENTS SHALL FOLLOW THE SAME STANDARDS AS OUTLINED IN THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) FOR REGULAR PARKING.			

5. EV CHARGING. ANY PARKING SPACE SERVED BY AN EV CHARGING STATION OR ANY SPACE USED TO SITE EV CHARGING STATIONS AND/OR SUPPORTIVE ELECTRICAL UTILITY EQUIPMENT SHALL BE COUNTED TOWARDS THE APPLICABLE PARKING MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS OUTLINED IN THIS SECTION.
6. REDUCTIONS. ANY VAN -ACCESSIBLE ADA PARKING SPACE THAT IS SERVED BY AN EV CHARGING STATION SHALL BE COUNTED AS TWO STANDARD PARKING SPACES TOWARDS THE APPLICABLE MINIMUM PARKING REQUIREMENTS OUTLINED IN THIS SECTION. PROVIDING EV CHARGING SPACES WITH VAN-ACCESSIBLE DESIGN THAT ARE OPEN TO ANY USER, REGARDLESS OF DISABILITY STATUS, IS ENCOURAGED, WHILE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR RESERVED ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACES MUST BE MAINTAINED PER THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT.

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Section 6: Littleton City Code, Title 10, Article 10-1-3.7.C.C Parking and Loading Design is hereby deleted in its entirety, as follows:

C. [RESERVED]

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Section 7: Littleton City Code, Title 10, Article 10-12-2.1, Subsection 10-12-2.1 General Definitions is hereby amended to read as follows by adding capitalized material and striking through deleted material, as follows. In this section, ellipses indicate material not reproduced as the Littleton City Council intends to leave that material in effect, as it now reads.

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Electric vehicle means any vehicle that operates, either partially or exclusively, on electrical energy from the grid, or an off-board source, that is stored on-board for motive purpose. "Electric vehicle" includes the following:

- "Battery electric vehicle (BEV)" means any vehicle that operates exclusively on electrical energy from an off-board source that is stored in the vehicle's batteries; and produces zero tailpipe emissions or pollution when stationary or operating.
- "Plug-in hybrid electric vehicle (PHEV)" means an electric vehicle that:
 - contains an internal combustion engine and also allows power to be delivered to drive wheels by an electric motor;
 - charges its battery primarily by connecting to the grid or other off-board electrical source;

- 172 ○ may additionally be able to sustain battery charge using an on-board internal-
173 combustion-driven generator; and
- 174 ○ has the ability to travel powered by electricity.
- 175 • "Neighborhood electric vehicle" means a self-propelled, electrically powered four-
176 wheeled motor vehicle whose speed attainable in one mile is more than twenty miles
177 per hour and not more than twenty-five miles per hour and conforms to federal
178 regulations under Title 49 C.F.R. Part 571.500.
- 179 • "Medium-speed electric vehicle" means a self-propelled, electrically powered four-
180 wheeled motor vehicle equipped with a roll cage or crush proof body design, whose
181 speed attainable in one mile is more than twenty-five miles per hour but not more than
182 thirty-five miles per hour and otherwise meets or exceeds the federal regulations set
183 forth in 49 C.F.R. Sec. 571.500.

184 Effective on: 10/28/2021

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188 ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) CHARGING, ACCESSORY USE: ONE OR MORE
189 PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PARKING SPACES THAT IS SERVED BY AN EV
190 CHARGING STATION AND IS SUBORDINATE TO THE PRINCIPAL USE ON THE
191 PROPERTY.

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193 ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) CHARGING, PRINCIPAL USE: A COLLECTION OF
194 PUBLIC USE DIRECT CURRENT FAST CHARGING (DCFC) EV CHARGING
195 STATIONS THAT SERVE AS THE PRIMARY FUNCTION AND LAND USE ON A
196 PROPERTY, PROVIDING HIGH-SPEED CHARGING FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES
197 ADJACENT TO DEDICATED SPACES FOR THE VEHICLES WHILE THEY
198 CHARGE.

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200 EV CHARGING STATION: BATTERY CHARGING STATION THAT HAS AS ITS
201 PRIMARY PURPOSE THE TRANSFER OF ELECTRIC ENERGY (BY CONDUCTIVE
202 OR INDUCTIVE MEANS) TO A BATTERY OR OTHER ENERGY STORAGE
203 DEVICE IN AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE.

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205 EV CHARGING ELECTRICAL UTILITY EQUIPMENT: ALL EQUIPMENT
206 NECESSARY TO PROVIDE ELECTRICAL CURRENT CHARGING FOR ELECTRIC
207 VEHICLES, EXCEPT FOR THE EV CHARGING STATION ITSELF. THIS MAY
208 INCLUDE POWER CONVERSION EQUIPMENT, ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION
209 EQUIPMENT SUCH AS TRANSFORMERS, SWITCHGEAR BOXES, AND
210 DISTRIBUTION LINES, AND OTHER SUPPORTIVE EQUIPMENT.

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214 **Fuel Sales (Retail)** means a place where vehicular fuel, stored only in underground tanks,

215 is offered for sale to the public..

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217 **Convenience Store** means any retail establishment offering for sale any combination of
218 fuels, automotive products, prepared or prepackaged food products, household items, and
219 other goods commonly associated with this use. Convenience stores may also include
220 fueling stations AND ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) CHARGING, PRINCIPAL USE.

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222 **Section 8:** Severability. If any part, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of
223 this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of
224 the remaining sections of this ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have
225 passed this ordinance, including each part, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase hereof,
226 irrespective of the fact that one or more parts, sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases
227 may be declared invalid.

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229 **Section 9:** Repealer. All ordinances or resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict with
230 this ordinance are hereby repealed, provided that this repealer shall not repeal the repealer clauses
231 of such ordinance nor revive any ordinance thereby.

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233 INTRODUCED AS A BILL at a regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council of the
234 City of Littleton on the 7th day of April, 2026, passed on first reading by a vote of 7 FOR and
235 0 AGAINST; and ordered published by posting at Littleton Center, Bemis Library, the Municipal
236 Courthouse and on the City of Littleton Website.

237 PUBLIC HEARING on the Ordinance to take place on the 21st day of April, 2025, in the
238 Council Chamber, Littleton Center, 2255 West Berry Avenue, Littleton, Colorado, at the hour of
239 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as it may be heard.

240 PASSED on second and final reading, following public hearing, by a vote of ____

241 FOR and ____ AGAINST on the 21st day of April, 2026 and ordered published by posting at

242 Littleton Center, Bemis Library, the Municipal Courthouse and on the City of Littleton Website.

243 ATTEST:

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246 Colleen L. Norton
CITY CLERK

Kyle Schlachter
MAYOR

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248 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
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252 Reid Betzing
253 CITY ATTORNEY

