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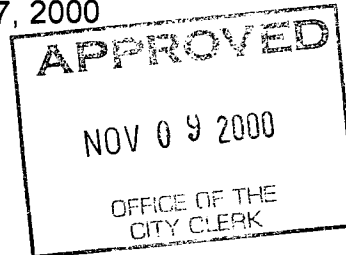
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City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:



SUBJECT: PARKING FACILITIES DIVISION ELECTRIC VEHICLE
POLICY REVISION

LOCATION: All districts.

RECOMMENDATION:

This report recommends that the City Council approve the attached resolution allowing only electric vehicles (EV's) owned by or leased to private individuals or small and emerging businesses to be eligible for discounted parking in City-owned parking facilities.

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FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: November 9, 2000

SUMMARY:

This report recommends that only electric vehicles owned by or leased to individuals or small and emerging businesses qualify for EV parking discounts. Adoption of this recommendation will provide a strong incentive to individual consumers to purchase EV's while eliminating subsidized parking for State and corporate EV fleets.

If this resolution is not approved, corporate and government EV fleets will soon push the number of discounted EV transactions past five percent (5%) of total transactions at the Civic Center Garage (10th and I streets). As per prior Council action, when free EV transactions "exceed five percent of overall parking transactions" in any one garage, all

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EV's shall be charged parking fees equal to fifty percent (50%) of regular parking fees. Thus, private owners of EV's will soon be forced to pay for parking if the attached resolution is not adopted.

If approved, the revised program will take effect immediately. All EV parking permits currently in use and without an expiration date, however, will be honored through December 31, 2000.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION:

None.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Sacramento has a long-established policy encouraging use of electric vehicles. To this end, charging stations have been installed in most City parking facilities and free parking has been made available to operators of EV's. According to the Electric Vehicle Association of the Americas, the only U.S. city besides Sacramento offering free parking to electric vehicle users is Los Angeles which reserves only a handful of spaces throughout the city for free EV parking.

Current City policy allows all electric vehicles, whether owned by or leased to corporations, government agencies, or individuals to park at no cost in City parking garages. When patronage at any individual garage exceeds five percent (5%) of overall parking transactions in that garage, however, EV's will no longer park for free in that City garage but will receive a fifty percent (50%) discount off of regular parking rates.

Since 1994, when City Council first passed a resolution enacting free parking for electric vehicles, over 200 EV's have received permits from the Parking Facilities Division for free parking in City garages. More than 80 percent of these permits have been issued to corporations, government agencies, and SMUD. These entities would have obtained EV's whether or not the City offered parking subsidies.

With Council approval, City policy regarding electric vehicles will be revised to allow free parking to continue only for private individuals or those businesses certified as an emerging and small business enterprise by the City's Office of Small Business Development. This policy shift will have two important effects. First, by charging corporations and governments full price for EV parking, the City will eliminate a subsidy that currently amounts to \$2,000-\$4,000 per month and that staff projects will double within 12 to 18 months. More importantly, by allowing only private individuals and small businesses to qualify for free parking, the City prolongs the period during which privately owned EV's are allowed free parking. Alternatively, if the City's EV policy remains the same, the increasing number of EV's operated by other governmental agencies that park in City garages will soon push total EV transactions in at least one City garage

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above five percent of total transactions, thus ending free EV parking for private EV owners in that particular garage.

Representatives from SMUD and the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District, as well as local electric vehicle users have reviewed this resolution and acknowledge the benefits of the policy revision and offer no objections to the City taking this action.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The proposed change will increase Parking Fund revenues by approximately \$2,000-\$4,000 per month, which represents the amount of parking fees now waived by the City for corporate and government owned or leased EV's.

ENVIROMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

This project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15301 of the (CEQA) Guidelines, "Operation of existing public structures or facilities involving no expansion of use".

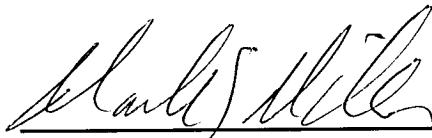
POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

The proposal is consistent with the City's goal to promote the use of zero emissions electric vehicles among the general population by allowing free or discounted EV parking for private individuals and small and emerging businesses.

ESBE CONSIDERATION:

This resolution strongly encourages ESBE participation by offering a direct incentive to participating businesses certified as emerging and small business enterprises by the Office of Small Business Development.

Respectfully submitted,



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Parking Operations Manager

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RESOLUTION NO. 2000-646

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF _____

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO'S
ELECTRIC VEHICLE PARKING POLICY**

Whereas, in 1994 the City Council adopted resolution 94-275 enacting free parking in City parking garages for electric vehicles to promote the use of zero emissions vehicles among the general population; and

Whereas, in 1998 the City Council adopted resolution 98-274 amending the City's electric vehicle parking policy to establish a discounted parking rate for electric vehicles if they exceeded a threshold percentage of overall parking transactions,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF SACRAMENTO THAT:

- 1) Vehicles powered exclusively by electricity and owned by or leased to private individuals or enterprises certified as emerging and small business enterprises by the City's Office of Small Business Development shall park at no charge in garages owned and operated by the City.
- 2) When the Parking Operations Manager determines that the number of electric vehicles eligible for free parking exceeds five percent (5%) of overall parking transactions in one (1) month in a single garage, the Parking Operations Manager shall establish fees and charges for such electric vehicles at that particular City garage at a rate equal to fifty percent (50%) of regular parking fees.

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- 3) Electric vehicles not owned by or leased to private individuals or enterprises certified as emerging and small business enterprises by the City's Office of Small Business Development are not eligible to receive free parking in City parking facilities.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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