



City of Seattle
Mayor Jenny A. Durkan

Honorable Bruce A. Harrell, President
Seattle City Council
City Hall, 2nd Floor
Seattle, WA 98199

February 19, 2019

Dear Council President Harrell:

I am pleased to transmit the attached ordinance that will require all new buildings in Seattle that include new off-street parking to provide charging infrastructure for electric vehicles (EV). The proposal was developed by the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections in partnership with the Office of Sustainability and Environment after being identified in my 2018 Climate Action Strategy as one of 12 priority climate actions. This represents a key milestone to electrify vehicles in Seattle and meet our carbon neutral goal.

The proposal would require that parking spaces include the wiring and electrical (power) outlets necessary to be considered "EV ready", to make it easier for someone to install charging stations there in the future. The number of "EV-ready" parking spaces required would depend on the type of land use and the type and size of parking facilities provided. The legislation:

- requires that each individual residence with private parking includes an EV-ready space;
- requires that multifamily development with shared parking facilities provide at least 20% of the spaces as EV-ready, with higher requirements for smaller facilities;
- requires that parking facilities for non-residential uses include a minimum of 10% of the spaces as EV-ready; and
- allows flexibility from the EV requirements in instances where meeting the requirements would require certain types of upgrades to the utility infrastructure.

Thank you for your consideration of this ordinance. If you have any questions, please contact Nathan Torgelson, Director of the Seattle Department Construction and Inspections, at (206) 684-0343.

Sincerely,


Jenny A. Durkan
Mayor of Seattle

cc: Honorable Members of the Seattle City Council