



Date: January 5, 2017
To: Patrick H. West, City Manager
From:  Amy J. Bodek, Director of Development Services 
For: Mayor and Members of the City Council
Subject: **Electric Vehicle Charger Giveaway**

On May 3, 2016, the City Council approved the acceptance of a donation of electric vehicle (EV) chargers from Mercedes-Benz USA to be distributed to Long Beach residents free of charge. The City Council expressed the importance of equitable distribution of the chargers, as well as a desire to actively participate in the launch of the Electric Vehicle Charger Giveaway (giveaway) program.

Beginning January 9, 2017, the City will be distributing 270 EV chargers of the 340 received, free of cost to Long Beach residents who own or lease an electric vehicle. The City's Office of Sustainability estimates that nearly 1,300 electric vehicles are currently being used by Long Beach residents, with approximately 20 more added each month.

The giveaway program coincides with the launch of a new expedited permitting process for Long Beach residents interested in installing a residential EV charging station. Single-family homes and owner-occupied units of multi-family residential projects consisting of four or less units are eligible for expedited permitting. Qualified Long Beach residents are required to complete a Residential Electric Vehicle Charger Checklist, a Development Services Permit Application, and a site plan ensuring proper installation and compliance for eligibility.

EV chargers will be provided to the first 270 permitted applicants. While the EV chargers are complimentary, recipients are responsible for any expenses related to completing the electrical work necessary to accommodate the charger, installation, and upkeep of the device, including City permit and inspection fees, which start at \$148.

To ensure equitable distribution of the chargers, in addition to the Citywide pool of 90, an initial allocation of 20 chargers per Council District will be made available on a first-come, first-served basis, with a limit of one issued charger per household. After a period of six months, any unclaimed chargers will be released to the Citywide availability pool. Additionally, 70 chargers are reserved to provide replacements for defective chargers. These chargers will become available once all others are given away and working properly.

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More detailed information about the program, and the program application form are available online: <http://www.longbeach.gov/Sustainability/Programs/Electric-Vehicle-Charger-Giveaway/>

If you would like further information, please contact Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, at (562) 570-5839 or via email at larry.rich@longbeach.gov.

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