

MEMORANDUM

TO: County Council

FROM: Amanda Mihill, Legislative Attorney *A. Mihill*
MK Michael Faden, Senior Legislative Attorney

SUBJECT: **Introduction:** Bill 11-14, Buildings – Electric Vehicle Charging Station Permits
– Expedited Review

Bill 11-14, Buildings – Electric Vehicle Charging Station Permits – Expedited Review, sponsored by Councilmembers Berliner, Floreen, and Riemer, Council Vice President Leventhal, and Councilmembers Elrich and Andrews, is scheduled to be introduced on January 21, 2014. A public hearing is tentatively scheduled for February 11, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

Bill 11-14 would require the Department of Permitting Services to implement an expedited review process for permits to install electric vehicle (EV) charging stations and require the Department to charge reduced fees for those permits. Electric vehicle charging stations will be more common and necessary as EV usage increases.

Councilmember Berliner explained the purpose of this Bill in his January 14 memorandum describing his proposed energy/environmental package. See ©20 of Bill 2-14, Agenda Item 4A.

This packet contains:

Bill 11-14

Legislative Request Report

Circle #

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Bill No. 11-14
Concerning: Buildings – Electric Vehicle
Charging Station Permits – Expedited
Review
Revised: 11/7/2013 Draft No. 1
Introduced: January 21, 2014
Expires: July 21, 2015
Enacted: _____
Executive: _____
Effective: _____
Sunset Date: None
Ch. _____, Laws of Mont. Co. _____

COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: Councilmembers Berliner, Floreen, and Riemer, Council Vice President Leventhal, and
Councilmembers Elrich and Andrews

AN ACT to:

- (1) require the Department of Permitting Services to implement an expedited review process for permits to install electric vehicle charging stations;
- (2) require the Department to charge reduced fees for permits to install electric vehicle charging stations; and
- (2) generally amend County law regarding building permits.

By adding

Montgomery County Code
Chapter 8, Buildings
Section 8-24C

Boldface	<i>Heading or defined term.</i>
<u>Underlining</u>	<i>Added to existing law by original bill.</i>
[Single boldface brackets]	<i>Deleted from existing law by original bill.</i>
<u>Double underlining</u>	<i>Added by amendment.</i>
[[Double boldface brackets]]	<i>Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.</i>
* * *	<i>Existing law unaffected by bill.</i>

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:

1 **Sec. 1. Section 8-24C is added as follows:**

2 **8-24C. Expedited review process for an electric vehicle charging station.**

3 The Department must adopt an expedited review process for each permit to
4 install an electric vehicle charging station. The application fee for each permit to
5 install an electric vehicle charging station must not exceed half the amount the
6 Department charges for a similar permit.

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11 Craig L. Rice, President, County Council

Date

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15 Isiah Leggett, County Executive

Date

16 *This is a correct copy of Council action.*

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Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council

Date

LEGISLATIVE REQUEST REPORT

Bill 11-14

Buildings – Electric Vehicle Charging Station Permits – Expedite Review

DESCRIPTION: Would require the Department of Permitting Services to implement an expedited review process for permits to install electric vehicle (EV) charging stations, and to charge reduced fees for those permits.

PROBLEM: EV charging stations will be more common and necessary as EV usage increases, but obtaining a building permit can be subject to a long and costly permitting process.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES: To create an expedited and less costly permitting process for EV charging stations.

COORDINATION: Department of Permitting Services

FISCAL IMPACT: To be requested.

ECONOMIC IMPACT: To be requested.

EVALUATION: To be requested.

EXPERIENCE ELSEWHERE: To be researched.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION: Amanda Mihill, 240-777-7815

APPLICATION WITHIN MUNICIPALITIES: To be researched.

PENALTIES: Not applicable.