

RESOLUTION**ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Supervisor Dave Homan
INITIATED BY



2/21/2022
DATE DRAFTED

Establishing Electric Vehicle Charging Policy for Rock County

WHEREAS, the County of Rock has committed to taking steps to reduce its own contribution to climate change by adopting Resolution 18-2B-461 in 2018, Adopting Goals for Energy Conservation and Energy independence to include reviewing opportunities to blend old technologies with new technologies; and,

WHEREAS, Rock County in February 2021 amended this resolution to also set a goal of becoming carbon neutral by 2050; and,

WHEREAS, the use of electric vehicles rather than conventional vehicles results in the elimination of harmful tailpipe emissions and greatly reduces overall greenhouse gas emissions; and,

WHEREAS, the availability of publicly accessible electric vehicle charging stations is a critical component to increase the early proliferation of electric vehicle use in the County of Rock; and,

WHEREAS, Congress passed the Infrastructure Investments & Jobs Act which became law number 117-58 on 11/15/2021; and,

WHEREAS, seven and a half billion dollars will be allocated for Electric Vehicle chargers in this Act; and,

WHEREAS, Rock County will create a coverage plan for the installation of 100 solar-powered electric vehicle charging stations throughout Rock County; and,

WHEREAS, Rock County will implement this coverage plan as the funding is available; and,

WHEREAS, the use of these charging stations will be available at no cost to the citizens and visitors of Rock County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 24th day of March, 2022, that Rock County is Establishing this Electric Vehicle Charging Policy.

FISCAL NOTE:

No fiscal impact in and by itself.

Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to §§ 59.01 & 59.51, Wis. Stats. While this resolution directs the County to create a policy regarding the implementation of vehicle charging stations across the County, the regulatory environment concerning the County or other municipalities operating such stations is challenging. In the current regulatory environment, the County may not engage in the retail sale of electricity to the public without being regulated as a utility. Over the course of last year, there have been significant attempts in the state legislature to change the regulatory

environment, but none have materialized into changes in the law.

Richard Greenlee
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Matter of policy. if the Board approves this resolution, additional decisions would need to be made, in consultation with one or more County Board governing committees, as to the specific staff resources that would need to be dedicated to develop this plan, which would require collaboration with other organizations to identify locations on non-County-owned property. It is not clear at this time whether counties will receive funding from the federal infrastructure bill to install electric car charging stations.

Josh Smith
County Administrator

Committee Action

General Services Committee

The General Services Committee recommended this resolution for approval by a vote of 3-1 in which Supervisors Brien, Wilson, and Homan voted “Aye” and Supervisor Fox voted “Nay.” Motion carried 3-1. Supervisor Potter was absent.

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“EXECUTIVE SUMMARY”

Establishing a Policy for the Installation of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

This resolution is establishing a policy for the installation of solar powered electric vehicle charging stations throughout Rock County as funding is available. There will be no cost to the citizens or visitors of Rock county for the use of these stations. the use of electric vehicle rather than conventional vehicles results in the elimination of harmful tailpipe emissions and greatly reduces overall greenhouse gas emissions which aligns with The Resolution 18-2B-461 passed by Rock County Board of Supervisors in 2018 and amended in 2021.