

MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee

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

SUBJECT: **Public Hearing:** 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, Andrews, Navarro, and Council President Craig Rice, was introduced on January 28, 2014. A Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee worksession is tentatively scheduled for February 26, 2014 at 9:30 a.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 13.

The Fiscal and Economic Impact statement for this Bill will be transmitted after March 17 (see ©4).

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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 28, 2014
Expires: July 28, 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, Andrews, and Navarro

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

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| 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.

7 *Approved:*

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11 Craig L. Rice, President, County Council

Date

12 *Approved:*

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15 Isiah Leggett, County Executive

Date

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

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19 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.



ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND

MEMORANDUM

February 5, 2014

TO: Craig Rice, President, County Council

FROM: Jennifer A. Hughes, Director, Office of Management and Budget
Joseph F. Beach, Director, Department of Finance

SUBJECTS: Bill 2-14, Environmental Sustainability – Buildings – Benchmarking
Bill 3-14, Buildings – Energy Efficiency – Energy Standards
Bill 4-14, Street and Roads – County Street Lights
Bill 5-14, Environmental Sustainability – Social Cost of Carbon Assessments
Bill 6-14, Environmental Sustainability – Office of Sustainability – Established
Bill 7-14, Contracts and Procurement – Certified Green Business Program
Bill 8-14, Buildings – County Buildings – Clean Energy Renewable Technology
Bill 9-14, Environmental Sustainability – Renewable Energy – County Purchase
Bill 10-14, Buildings – Solar Permits – Expedited Review
Bill 11-14, Buildings – Electric Vehicle Charging Station Permits – Expedited Review

As required by Section 2-81A of the County Code, we are informing you that transmittal of the fiscal and economic impact statements for the above referenced legislation will be delayed because more time is needed to coordinate with the affected departments, collect information, and complete our analysis of the fiscal and economic impacts. While we are not able to conduct the required detailed analyses at this time, it is clear that a number of these bills could have significant fiscal impacts.

Due to this year's heavy workload on Executive branch staff in developing both a full capital budget and an operating budget, the fiscal and economic statements will be transmitted after March 17, 2014.

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