



ORDINANCE NO. 28994

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to the Department of Public Utilities, Power Division;
2 amending Chapter 12.06 of the Municipal Code, relating to Electric Energy
3 - Regulations and Rates, by amending Section 12.06.374, entitled
4 "Electric Vehicle Public Charging Provided by Tacoma Power - Schedule
EVPC", by updating the tariff on electric vehicle public charging fees,
effective January 1, 2025.

5 WHEREAS the City of Tacoma Department of Public Utilities, Power
6 Division (d.b.a. "Tacoma Power") has provided electric service to utility-owned
7 electric vehicle ("EV") charging stations since 2012, and anticipates having 67
8 public charging ports in service by the end of 2026, including 4 new DC fast
9 charging stations in downtown Tacoma, and
10 charging stations in downtown Tacoma, and

11 WHEREAS Tacoma Municipal Code ("TMC") Section 12.06.374, "Electric
12 Vehicle Public Charging Provided by Tacoma Power - Schedule EVPC"
13 ("Schedule EVPC") was effective on January 1, 2023, with a rate of \$0.21 per
14 kilowatt-hour ("kWh") of charging, and is applicable to all public charging stations
15 owned by Tacoma Power, and
16 owned by Tacoma Power, and

17 WHEREAS the schedule was adopted per Revised Code of Washington
18 ("RCW") 19.94.560, which mandates the use of dollar per kWh or megajoule
19 pricing, and this rate update will set the Level 2 charging rate at \$0.25/kWh and
20 introduce a DC fast charging rate at \$0.40/kWh, and
21 introduce a DC fast charging rate at \$0.40/kWh, and

22 WHEREAS these rates are based on the Small General rate (Schedule B)
23 and include network fees, maintenance costs, and relevant taxes, and the Level 2
24 increase from \$0.21 per kWh to \$0.25 per kWh reflects increased costs, including
25 costs related to vandalism and cut cords at electric charging stations, and
26 costs related to vandalism and cut cords at electric charging stations, and



1 WHEREAS these rates are cost based and competitive with other electric
2 charging providers in the City and Pierce County, and the DC fast charging rates
3 reflect higher operating and maintenance costs associated with offering DC fast
4 charging, and
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6 WHEREAS this update to the EV charging rate will result in a better match
7 between revenue and expense, and if the rate is not updated regularly to reflect
8 the current cost of providing EV public charging service, electric customers who
9 do not use the public charging service will eventually pay the under-recovered
10 costs, and
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12 WHEREAS this update of EV rates will minimize this cross-subsidization,
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14 WHEREAS Tacoma Power has presented overviews and proposals related
15 to Schedule EVPC to the Public Utility Board (“PUB”), Government Performance
16 and Finance Committee, and the City Council, and
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18 WHEREAS the PUB approved the proposed changes on October 23, 2024,
19 pursuant to PUB Resolution No. U-11484, and

20 WHEREAS revisions to the TMC applicable to Tacoma Public Utilities
21 require approval by the PUB and the Tacoma City Council; Now, Therefore,
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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TACOMA:

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Section 1. That the City Council hereby adopts the Recitals of this Ordinance as its formal legislative findings.

Section 2. That Chapter 12.06 of the Municipal Code, relating to Electric Energy - Regulations and Rates, is hereby amended, by amending Section 12.06.374, entitled "Electric Vehicle Public Charging Provided by Tacoma Power - Schedule EVPC", by updating the tariff on electric vehicle public charging fees, effective January 1, 2025, as more fully set forth in the attached Exhibit "A."

Section 3. That the City Clerk, in consultation with the City Attorney's Office, is authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance, including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener's/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers, and any references thereto.

Passed _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Chief Deputy City Attorney

Requested by Public Utility Board
Resolution No. U-11484



EXHIBIT "A"

CHAPTER 12.06
ELECTRIC ENERGY – REGULATIONS AND RATES

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12.06.374 Electric Vehicle Public Charging Provided by Tacoma Power – Schedule EVPC.

A. Definitions.

The following definitions will apply:

- 1. Electric Vehicle – A vehicle that uses at least one method of propulsion that is capable of being reenergized by an external source of electricity.
- 2. Electric Vehicle Charging Site – A site that hosts the equipment used to deliver electricity to an Electric Vehicle. Hosted equipment must meet all applicable electrical requirements for interconnection and nationally recognized testing laboratory standards.
- 3. [Level 2 \(L2\) – Electric vehicle charging equipment designed to supply AC power to electric vehicles, typically with a peak charging nameplate capacity less than 20 kW.](#)
- 4. [Direct Current Fast Charger \(DCFC\) – Electric vehicle charging equipment designed to supply DC power to electric vehicles, typically with a peak charging nameplate capacity greater than 20 kW.](#)

B. Availability.

For Electric Vehicle Charging Sites owned by Tacoma Power.

C. Applicability.

Service under this schedule is provided to members of the general public charging Electric Vehicles at Electric Vehicle Charging Sites owned by Tacoma Power.

D. Charging Rate:

[L2](#): All energy measured in kilowatt-hours at ~~\$0.21~~[\\$0.25](#) per kWh

[DCFC](#): All energy measured in kilowatt-hours at [\\$0.40](#) per kWh

E. Reporting and Limitation on Use of Customer Usage Information.

Tacoma Power may publish reports related to this schedule, except when the report would result in publication of information attributable to a single individual member of the public.

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