CITY OF LITTLETON, COLORADO

ORDINANCE NO. XX

Series, 2026

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LITTLETON, COLORADO, APPROVING A CODE TEXT AMENDMENT TITLE 10 UNIFIED LAND USE CODE REGARDING 2024 LEGISLATIVE UPDATES ON ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING

WHEREAS the General Assembly of the State of Colorado passed HB24-1173 requiring municipalities, with a population over 10,000, to adopt an ordinance incorporating the same, or less restrictive, standards and a permitting process as those adopted within the Colorado Energy Office's EV Charger Permitting Model Code ("Model Code"); and

WHEREAS on March 9th, 2026, the planning commission held a public hearing to consider PC Resolution 02-2026, a recommendation to the Littleton City Council on the adoption of the code text amendment, which passed __ to __.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LITTLETON, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1: Littleton City Code, Title 10, Table 10-1-1.3.1 Land Use Matrix is hereby amended to read as follows, by adding capitalized material and striking through deleted material, as follows. In this section, ellipses indicate material not reproduced as the Littleton City Council intends to leave that material in effect, as it now reads.

C. Land Use Standards. …

Table 10-1-1.3.1
Land Use Matrix

Category	Specific Use	Downtown (DT)				Corridor Mixed-Use (CM)		Neighborhood (NB)					Business and Industry (BI)		Open Space (OS)	Standards
		DNR	DTA	DMS	DMU	NC	CM	ACR	LLR	MLR	SLR	MFR	BC	IP	OS	
Vehicle sales and services	ELECTRIC VEHICLE	-	P	-	P	P	P	-	-	-	-	CS	P	P	-	10-1-1.4.D

	(EV) CHARGING, PRINCIPAL USE[1]															
Commercial Accessory Uses	Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging, Accessories	A	~~AS~~ A	~~AS~~ A	~~AS~~ A	~~AS~~ A	~~AS~~ A	A	A	A	A	~~AS~~ A	~~AS~~ A	~~AS~~ A	~~AS~~A	10-1-1.6.A

Table Notes:

1. ~~Reserved.~~ STANDARDS FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) CHARGING ACCESSORY USE SHALL BE FOUND IN SUBSEC. 10-1-1.6.A ACCESSORY USES.
2. A tiny home community may occupy up to 10 percent of a development subject to Master Development Plan approval.
3. Duplex or twin home dwellings are not permitted in the SLR district south of W. Caley Avenue.

Section 2: Littleton City Code, Title 10, Table 10-1-1.4.D Commercial and Office Land Uses, is hereby amended to read as follows, by adding capitalized material and striking through deleted material, as follows. In this section, ellipses indicate material not reproduced as the Littleton City Council intends to leave that material in effect, as it now reads.

Section 10-1-1.4 Land Use Standards …

Subsec. 10-1-1.4.D Commercial and Office Land Uses

A. Brewery, Distillery, and Winery …

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F. ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) CHARGING, PRINCIPAL USE.

1. *APPLICABILITY.* THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS PERTAIN TO EV CHARGING, PRINCIPAL USES. STANDARDS FOR EV CHARGING, ACCESSORY USE MAY BE FOUND IN SUBSEC. 10-1-1.6.A ACCESSORY USES.
2. *ZONING STANDARDS.* ADDITIONAL ZONING PROVISIONS SHALL BE ADHERED TO PER DISTRICT EXCEPT FOR APPLICABLE SCREENING WITHIN TITLE 10.
3. EV CHARGING, PRINCIPAL USE, SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING:
   A. *LOCATION OF EV CHARGING STATIONS AND EV CHARGING ELECTRICAL UTILITY EQUIPMENT.* THE CHARGING STATION AND UTILITY EQUIPMENT MAY BE LOCATED WITHIN THE SETBACK.
   B. *CANOPY DESIGN.* CANOPIES OVER SERVICE ISLANDS SHALL BE INTEGRAL TO THE BUILDING DESIGN IN TERMS OF COLOR, CLADDING, AND ROOFING MATERIAL.

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C. *CAR WASH VEHICLE CIRCULATION AND STACKING*. CIRCULATION FOR A CAR WASH SHALL BE SEPARATE FROM THE REST OF THE SITE AND STACKING SHALL COMPLY WITH SUBSECTION 10-1-3.7.C, *PARKING AND LOADING DESIGN.*

D. THE DESIGN OF EV CHARGING STATIONS SHALL ENSURE UNOBSTRUCTED SAFETY AND ACCESS CLEARANCES FOR ASSOCIATED ELECTRICAL UTILITY EQUIPMENT, PER THE NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION (NFPA) STANDARDS AND NATIONAL ELECTRIC SAFETY CODE (NESC), INCLUDING FEATURES SUCH AS LANDSCAPING OR FENCE

E. *CONVENIENCE STORE*. A CONVENIENCE STORE MAY BE LOCATED ON THE SITE AND SHALL ONLY BE PERMITTED IN THE FOLLOWING ZONE DISTRICTS: NC, CM, BC, AND IP.

F. *PROCESS.* A SITE PLAN PROCESS IS REQUIRED TO ENTITLE AN EV CHARGING STATION, PRINCIPAL

Section 3: Littleton City Code, Title 10, Article 10-1-1.6.A *Accessory Uses*, Subsection D is hereby amended to read as follows, by adding capitalized material and striking through deleted material, as follows. In this section, ellipses indicate material not reproduced as the Littleton City Council intends to leave that material in effect, as it now reads.

D. Standards Applicable to Specific Accessory Uses.

1. *Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)* ...

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9. ~~*Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station*.~~ EV CHARGING, ACCESSORY USE

A. *WHERE PERMITTED.* ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING AS AN ACCESSORY USE SHALL BE ALLOWED IN ANY ZONE DISTRICT.

~~A.~~B. *BUILDING Permit Required.* IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO INSTALL, OPERATE, OR MAINTAIN ONE OR MORE EV CHARGING STATIONS WITHOUT OBTAINING A BUILDING PERMIT NO OTHER SITE PLAN OR LAND USE PERMIT IS REQUIRED WHEN EV CHARGING IS PROPOSED AS A STANDALONE ADDITION TO AN EXISTING SITE.

~~It shall be unlawful for any person to install, operate, or maintain an electric vehicle charging station in an MFR, NC, CM, DTA, DMS, DMU, BC or IP district without:~~

~~1. A permit for such work, which shall be secured from the Chief Building Official by the electric vehicle charging station's owner or the owner's agent; and~~

~~Submittal of a written statement from the electric utility provider that the installation will not negatively affect the electrical distribution system~~

C. ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING, ACCESSORY USE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING:

1. THE DESIGN OF EV CHARGING STATIONS SHALL ENSURE UNOBSTRUCTED SAFETY AND ACCESS CLEARANCES FOR EV

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CHARGING ELECTRICAL UTILITY EQUIPMENT, PER THE NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION (NFPA) STANDARDS AND NATIONAL ELECTRIC SAFETY CODE (NESC), INCLUDING FEATURES SUCH AS LANDSCAPING OR FENCES.

2. EV CHARGING STATIONS AND EV CHARGING ELECTRICAL UTILITY EQUIPMENT SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM THE FOLLOWING:
   a. SETBACK REQUIREMENTS; AND
   b. BUFFERYARD REQUIREMENTS.
3. EV CHARGING STATIONS ARE EXEMPT FROM SCREENING REQUIREMENTS UNLESS DEVELOPED IN CONJUNCTION WITH A PRINCIPAL USE OR ADDED AS AN ACCESSORY USE TO AN EXISTING SITE. IN SUCH INSTANCES, THE DEVELOPMENT SHALL COMPLY WITH THE SCREENING AND PRINCIPAL USE STANDARDS APPLICABLE TO THE UNDERLYING ZONE DISTRICT.
4. SITE CONFORMANCE: WHEN ACCESSORY USE EV CHARGING IS DEVELOPED IN CONJUNCTION WITH A PRINCIPAL USE, THE SCREENING AND PRINCIPAL USE REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO THE UNDERLYING ZONE DISTRICT MUST BE MET. WHEN EV CHARGING IS ADDED AS AN ACCESSORY USE TO AN EXISTING SITE, THE SCREENING AND PRINCIPAL USE REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO THE UNDERLYING ZONE DISTRICT MUST BE MAINTAINED TO THE DEGREE THEY ARE CURRENTLY MET.

~~B.D.~~

~~C. *Compliance.* All electric vehicle charging stations erected, constructed, installed, altered, replaced, or to which additions are made shall comply with .all of the provisions of all applicable health and safety standards and requirements of federal, state, and local law and the electrical utility provider.~~

~~D. *Prohibited Uses.* If the owner of a plug-in electric motor vehicle charging station installs a sign that identifies the station, a person is prohibited from:~~

~~1. Parking in the space if the vehicle is not an electric vehicle; and~~

~~2.~~1.~~Using a dedicated charging station for parking if the electric vehicle is not charging.~~

Section 4: Littleton City Code, Title 10, Article 10-1-3.4, Table 10-1-3.4.1 Sustainability Incentives is hereby amended as follows, by adding capitalized material and striking through deleted material, as follows. In this section, ellipses indicate material not reproduced as the Littleton City Council intends to leave that material in effect, as it now reads.

Schedule	Type of Practice	Documentation of Compliance
B	Electric vehicle charging STATIONS TOTALING 5% OR GREATER THAN THE MINIMUM REQUIRED, PER BUILDING CODE~~are provided for at least five percent of all required~~	Indication on Site Plan or Master Development Plan

	~~parking~~	

Section 5: Littleton City Code, Title 10, Article 10-1-3.7.A, Table 10-1-3.7.A.1 Required Off-Street Parking is hereby amended as follows, by adding capitalized material and striking through deleted material, as follows. In this section, ellipses indicate material not reproduced as the Littleton City Council intends to leave that material in effect, as it now reads.

Category	Specific Use	Minimum[3]	Maximum
Commercial Accessory Uses	Electric vehicle charging station[4, 5, 6]	~~2/station~~AS REQUIRED PER BUILDING CODE.	NONE

Table Notes:
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4. EV CHARGING STATION. WHEN EV CHARGING IS PROVIDED, ACCESSIBLE EV CHARGING PARKING REQUIREMENTS SHALL FOLLOW THE SAME STANDARDS AS OUTLINED IN THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) FOR REGULAR PARKING.
5. EV CHARGING. ANY PARKING SPACE SERVED BY AN EV CHARGING STATION OR ANY SPACE USED TO SITE EV CHARGING STATIONS AND/OR SUPPORTIVE ELECTRICAL UTILITY EQUIPMENT SHALL BE COUNTED TOWARDS THE APPLICABLE PARKING MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS OUTLINED IN THIS SECTION.
6. REDUCTIONS. ANY VAN -ACCESSIBLE ADA PARKING SPACE THAT IS SERVED BY AN EV CHARGING STATION SHALL BE COUNTED AS TWO STANDARD PARKING SPACES TOWARDS THE APPLICABLE MINIMUM PARKING REQUIREMENTS OUTLINED IN THIS SECTION. PROVIDING EV CHARGING SPACES WITH VAN-ACCESSIBLE DESIGN THAT ARE OPEN TO ANY USER, REGARDLESS OF DISABILITY STATUS, IS ENCOURAGED, WHILE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR RESERVED ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACES MUST BE MAINTAINED PER THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT.

Section 6: Littleton City Code, Title 10, Article 10-1-3.7.C.C Parking and Loading Design is hereby deleted in its entirety, as follows:~~.~~

C. [RESERVED]~~Electric and Alternative Fuel Vehicles.~~

~~1. *Where Required*. Preferential parking for electric and alternative fuel vehicles shall be provided for all new or redeveloped non-residential and mixed-use parking areas containing 50 or more spaces.~~

~~2. *Location of Parking Spaces*. Electric and alternative fuel parking spaces shall be located in near proximity to the primary entrance.~~

~~3. *Signage*. Each parking space shall be marked with a post designating the spaces for~~

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~~"Alternative Fuel Vehicles".~~

~~4.~~*1.Existing Vehicle Recharging Stations*. ~~Existing parking spaces with vehicle recharging stations may be used to meet the requirements of this Subsection.~~

Section 7: Littleton City Code, Title 10, Article 10-12-2.1, Subsection 10-12-2.1 General Definitions is hereby amended to read as follows by adding capitalized material and striking through deleted material, as follows. In this section, ellipses indicate material not reproduced as the Littleton City Council intends to leave that material in effect, as it now reads.

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Electric vehicle means any vehicle that operates, either partially or exclusively, on electrical energy from the grid, or an off-board source, that is stored on-board for motive purpose. "Electric vehicle" includes the following:

- "Battery electric vehicle (BEV)" means any vehicle that operates exclusively on electrical energy from an off-board source that is stored in the vehicle's batteries; and produces zero tailpipe emissions or pollution when stationary or operating.
- "Plug-in hybrid electric vehicle (PHEV)" means an electric vehicle that:
  - contains an internal combustion engine and also allows power to be delivered to drive wheels by an electric motor;
  - charges its battery primarily by connecting to the grid or other off-board electrical source;
  - may additionally be able to sustain battery charge using an on-board internal-combustion-driven generator; and
  - has the ability to travel powered by electricity.
- "Neighborhood electric vehicle" means a self-propelled, electrically powered four-wheeled motor vehicle whose speed attainable in one mile is more than twenty miles per hour and not more than twenty-five miles per hour and conforms to federal regulations under Title 49 C.F.R. Part 571.500.
- "Medium-speed electric vehicle" means a self-propelled, electrically powered four-wheeled motor vehicle equipped with a roll cage or crush proof body design, whose speed attainable in one mile is more than twenty-five miles per hour but not more than thirty-five miles per hour and otherwise meets or exceeds the federal regulations set forth in 49 C.F.R. Sec. 571.500.

Effective on: 10/28/2021

~~**Electric Vehicle Charging Station** means a public or private parking space that is served by battery charging station equipment that has as its primary purpose the transfer of electric energy (by conductive or inductive means) to a battery or other energy storage device in an electric vehicle. An electric vehicle charging station equipped with Level 1 or Level 2 charging equipment is permitted outright as an accessory use to any principal use.~~

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~~Effective on: 10/28/2021~~

ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) CHARGING, ACCESSORY USE: ONE OR MORE PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PARKING SPACES THAT IS SERVED BY AN EV CHARGING STATION AND IS SUBORDINATE TO THE PRINCIPAL USE ON THE PROPERTY.

ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) CHARGING, PRINCIPAL USE: A COLLECTION OF PUBLIC USE DIRECT CURRENT FAST CHARGING (DCFC) EV CHARGING STATIONS THAT SERVE AS THE PRIMARY FUNCTION AND LAND USE ON A PROPERTY, PROVIDING HIGH-SPEED CHARGING FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES ADJACENT TO DEDICATED SPACES FOR THE VEHICLES WHILE THEY CHARGE.

EV CHARGING STATION: BATTERY CHARGING STATION THAT HAS AS ITS PRIMARY PURPOSE THE TRANSFER OF ELECTRIC ENERGY (BY CONDUCTIVE OR INDUCTIVE MEANS) TO A BATTERY OR OTHER ENERGY STORAGE DEVICE IN AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE.

EV CHARGING ELECTRICAL UTILITY EQUIPMENT: ALL EQUIPMENT NECESSARY TO PROVIDE ELECTRICAL CURRENT CHARGING FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES, EXCEPT FOR THE EV CHARGING STATION ITSELF. THIS MAY INCLUDE POWER CONVERSION EQUIPMENT, ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION EQUIPMENT SUCH AS TRANSFORMERS, SWITCHGEAR BOXES, AND DISTRIBUTION LINES, AND OTHER SUPPORTIVE EQUIPMENT.

~~Electric Vehicle Charging Station means a public or private parking space that is served by battery charging station equipment that has as its primary purpose the transfer of electric energy (by conductive or inductive means) to a battery or other energy storage device in an electric vehicle. An electric vehicle charging station equipped with Level 1 or Level 2 charging equipment is permitted outright as an accessory use to any principal use.~~

Fuel Sales (Retail) means a place where vehicular fuel, stored only in underground tanks, is offered for sale to the public.~~ or where electric vehicle charging stations are made available for the charging of vehicles~~.

Convenience Store means any retail establishment offering for sale any combination of fuels, automotive products, prepared or prepackaged food products, household items, and other goods commonly associated with this use. Convenience stores may also include fueling stations AND ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) CHARGING, PRINCIPAL USE.

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Section 8: Severability. If any part, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections of this ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance, including each part, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase hereof, irrespective of the fact that one or more parts, sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases may be declared invalid.

Section 9: Repealer. All ordinances or resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed, provided that this repealer shall not repeal the repealer clauses of such ordinance nor revive any ordinance thereby.

INTRODUCED AS A BILL at a regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council of the City of Littleton on the ___ day of _____, 2026, passed on first reading by a vote of ___ FOR and ___ AGAINST; and ordered published by posting at Littleton Center, Bemis Library, the Municipal Courthouse and on the City of Littleton Website.

PUBLIC HEARING on the Ordinance to take place on the __ day of _____, 2025, in the Council Chamber, Littleton Center, 2255 West Berry Avenue, Littleton, Colorado, at the hour of 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as it may be heard.

PASSED on second and final reading, following public hearing, by a vote of ___ FOR and ___ AGAINST on the ___ day of _____, 2026 and ordered published by posting at Littleton Center, Bemis Library, the Municipal Courthouse and on the City of Littleton Website.

ATTEST:

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Colleen L. Norton
CITY CLERK

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Kyle Schlachter
MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Reid Betzing
CITY ATTORNEY

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