

Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: October 18, 2018 Item Number: 002

Austin Energy

Approve an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 15-9 to allow the remetering and resale of electric service for the purpose of electric vehicle charging.

| Lead Department | Austin Energy |
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| Fiscal Note | There is no financial impact for this item. |
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| Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action | September 17, 2018 - Recommended unanimously by the Electric Utility Commission on an 8-0 vote, with Commissioners Vaughan and Wray absent and one vacancy. |

Additional Backup Information:

This action will amend City Code Section § 15-9-121 to allow third parties to deploy, own, and operate electric vehicle (EV) charging stations for compensation. Specifically, this change amends the Code to state that restrictions on the remetering and resale of energy do not apply to the provision of retail EV charging service at the point of remetering or resale.

The existing City Code language was adopted prior to availability of electric vehicles and is a barrier to third party investment in Austin's EV charging infrastructure, limiting investment by private businesses, multifamily residential communities, and EV manufacturers.

The proposed City Code amendment demonstrates Austin's support of third-party EV charging infrastructure investment by allowing private partnerships. This model for third-party EV infrastructure investment minimizes costs and risks to Austin Energy while still providing the utility the opportunity to sell the energy at established rates.

This request supports the Austin Community Climate Plan to achieve net-zero community-wide greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 and the Austin Energy Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan to 2027.