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New Lower Rates for Public EV Chargers in Northampton

NORTHAMPTON - Starting January 1, 2025, Northampton's public Electric Vehicle (EV) charging network will change how it charges for electricity. Since October, the price has been set at \$1.92 per hour, but in response to feedback from charging network users and lower electricity prices, the price will change to \$0.32 per kilowatt hour. This price is designed to enable the city to cover electricity costs and maintain the charging network while passing on savings to users.

The original price was based on the rate Northampton paid for electricity. Since then, the city's Climate Action and Project Administration (CAPA) department has negotiated a contract for lower electricity supply rates. This is reflected in the new EV charging rate, which is 7% lower.

The change from charging by time to charging by kilowatt hour will lower the cost for almost all users and will be fairer to owners of some older EVs and plug-in hybrid EVs that may charge at a lower speed than others.

Charging fees help to ensure Northampton's EV network is self-sustaining, covering electricity costs while supporting repairs, upgrades, and staff time to keep the system running efficiently.

For more information, contact the Mayor's Office at 413-587-1249 or mayor@northamptonma.gov.