

Co-op Coalition Survey: Planning for Electric Vehicles

In a message dated 9/4/2012 12:08:13 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, CooperativesDC@aol.com writes:

If your cooperative has on-site parking, this survey may have immediate or upcoming interest!

Vehicles that can be powered by battery (in part or whole) are growing in number (Prius Plug-in, Chevrolet Volt, Nissan Leaf, Tesla, Ford Focus Electric, Ford Fusion Energi, and many others now and over the next year).

What is the status of your cooperative's plans and policies to provide electricity for residents with such vehicles? If you have developed plans and/or put policies into place, please provide a copy, if possible.

Please share with us the status of your planning, even if your response is "no planning has been done." This will be a growing area of interest and one that most housing associations will have to face whether they are cooperatives, condominiums, or rentals. Sharing everyone's experiences now may help all of our Coalition members address this growing area of interest and need.

As always, I'll summarize the results and share them with those responding to the survey. Thanks for helping fellow Coalition members!

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<50 units	[Our cooperative] has done no planning.
<50 units	No planning in this area. We have only 2 parking spaces, so it is not likely to be a concern, even long term.
<50 units	[Our cooperative] has no plans to provide electricity for these vehicles. It's a small coop with only 11 units and the issue hasn't come up yet.
<50 units	We haven't developed any plans.
<50 units	[Our cooperative] does not have on-site parking and has not considered installing an electric hookup. If there were a need we could install a pad with a hookup.
<50 units	[Our cooperative] does not have on-site parking, except for two spaces for small cars by an alley alongside the building. There are no plans are present to provide electricity to charge automobiles.
<50 units	To date, no planning has been done, nor have we had any related inquiries from our members.
<50 units	We have no plans for electricity for battery powered cars, as we don't provide on-site parking.
50 – 100 units	[Our cooperative] has no parking.
50 – 100 units	We have some indoor parking but have not even started to talk about this.
50 – 100 units	So far the subject has not been raised, so we have taken no action whatsoever. I do think that such a convenience would have to be metered, however, so that the users would be charged with the cost.
50 – 100 units	One forward-looking member of our Coop Board has been urging for quite awhile that we provide the capacity for our shareholders to charge their car batteries, although to my knowledge no shareholder had expressed an interest in that. Recently, in the context of planning for an upgrade of our overall electrical system, we explicitly explored the feasibility of doing it. Finding that it would be feasible, it is currently being

	considered.
100 – 199 units	[Our cooperative] has discussed it but decided to table the matter due to the fact that we are going through a \$6 Million renovation project and no one has requested it.
100 – 199 units	[Our cooperative] has solicited a bid for a recharging station with a number of variables. We are awaiting this information. Right now we have one electric car which is recharged in a garage space and the member pays as per a written agreement which was negotiated with the Coop.
100 – 199 units	No planning has been done.
200+	[Our cooperative] in anticipation of future battery powered cars installed plugs on every other column in the garage in year 2001 and so we do have the capability although we have never developed any policy as yet.
200+	We have not done any planning to address that issue at this time. We have 90 parking spaces for 274 apartments.
200+	No planning has been done to this point.
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