

## Resolution Approval Staff Report

**Date:** February 10, 2026  
**To:** Douglas County Board of County Commissioners  
**Through:** Douglas J. DeBord, County Manager  
**From:** Kati Carter, AICP, Director of Community Development *K C*  
**CC:** DJ Beckwith, Principal Planner  
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**Subject:** **Resolution for Expeditious Review of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations**

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**Board of County Commissioners Business Meeting: February 10, 2026 @ 1:30 p.m.**

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### **I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In 2024, the Colorado General Assembly passed HB24-1173, which requires that counties with a population of 20,000 or more take one of three possible actions regarding expedited permit review of electric vehicle (“EV”) charging stations. The County must report to the Colorado Energy Office which of the three options it has implemented no later than March 1, 2026.

### **II. REQUEST**

Approval of a Resolution Committing to Expeditious Review of Land Use Applications for the Development and Installation of EV Charging Stations.

### **III. BACKGROUND**

In passing HB24-1173, the General Assembly declared that “it is in the best interest of Coloradans and a matter of mixed state and local concern to facilitate the permitting of electric vehicle charging systems by streamlining the process for local governments to approve permits for developing electric vehicle charging infrastructure.” The bill created Section 30-28-213 of the Colorado Revised Statutes, which directs counties with a population of 20,000 or more to take one of three actions:

- Adopt a model code developed by the Colorado Energy Office setting standards and permit processes for EV charging stations.
- Adopt regulations to establish “objective standards and an administrative review process” for permitting EV charging stations.
- Adopt a resolution stating that the County does not intend to take either of the first two options and will continue to utilize its existing review process.

At a Board of County Commissioners (Board) work session, the Board directed staff to prepare a resolution that complies with the third option for its consideration.

Douglas County does not have regulations that are specific to EV charging stations. To the extent that land use review of an EV charging station is necessary, Douglas County utilizes the same administrative process applicable to any other site development request. Staff determined that, since January 1, 2020, Douglas County has processed 20 requests to develop EV charging stations within an average time of 27 calendar days, and a median time of 15 calendar days.

**IV. RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Staff recommends approval of the Resolution Committing to Expeditious Review of Land Use Applications for the Development and Installation of EV Charging Stations.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-\_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, COLORADO, COMMITTING TO EXPEDITIOUS REVIEW OF LAND USE APPLICATIONS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND INSTALLATION OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, §30-28-213, C.R.S., requires Douglas County to either (1) adopt a model code setting standards and procedures for the review and permitting of Electric Vehicle (“EV”) Charging Stations as prescribed by the Colorado Energy Office (“CEO”), (2) amend its regulations to establish standards and procedures for the review and permitting of EV Charging Stations that conform to the CEO’s model code, or (3) adopt a resolution stating that the County will continue to utilize its existing standards and processes for the review and permitting of EV Charging Stations; and

**WHEREAS**, Douglas County has no specialized standards or procedures for the review and permitting of EV Charging Stations; and

**WHEREAS**, Douglas County considers EV Charging Stations to be accessory to most residential, commercial, retail, office, industrial, and community uses; and

**WHEREAS**, Douglas County considers EV Charging Stations to be equivalent to automobile or motor vehicle service stations and, thus, a principal use in the zone districts and planning areas of Planned Developments where automobile or motor vehicle service stations are allowed, including, but not limited to, its Business (“B”), Commercial (“C”), Light Industrial (“LI”), and General Industrial (“GI”) zone districts; and

**WHEREAS**, Douglas County is committed to expeditious review of all site development proposals; and

**WHEREAS**, since January 1, 2020 Douglas County has completed administrative processing of 20 applications for the development of accessory and principal use EV Charging Stations within an average time of 27 calendar days and a median time of 15 calendar days.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Douglas County, Colorado, that County staff shall use its existing site development review processes to expeditiously review EV Charging Stations wherever they are allowed as a principal or accessory use.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026, in Castle Rock, Douglas County, Colorado.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, COLORADO

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair, Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk to the Board