



## EnviroSpark: Permitting Considerations

### Electric Vehicle Charging Station Permit Streamlining Requirements & Best Practices

	AB 1236 Compliant (EVCS Friendly)	Not AB 1236 Compliant (Challenging to Deploy Charging)
<b>Required by AB 1236</b>	Ordinance creating an expedited, streamlined permitting process for electric vehicle charging stations (EVCS) including level 2 and direct current fast chargers (DCFC) has been adopted	No permit streamlining ordinance; and/or ordinances that create unreasonable barriers to EVCS installation
	Checklist of all requirements needed for expedited review posted on Authority Having Jurisdiction (usually a city or county) website	No checklist for EVCS permitting requirements
	EVCS projects that meet expedited checklist are administratively approved through building or similar non-discretionary permit	Permitting process centered around getting a discretionary use permit first
	EVCS projects reviewed with the focus on health and safety	EVCS projects reviewed for aesthetic considerations in addition to building and electrical review
	AHJ accepts electronic signatures on permit applications*	Wet signatures required on one or more application forms
	EVCS permit approval not subject to approval of an association ( <a href="#">as defined in Section 4080 of the Civil Code</a> )	EVCS approval can be conditioned on the approval of a common interest association
	AHJ commits to issuing one complete written correction notice detailing all deficiencies in an incomplete application and any additional information needed to be eligible for expedited permit issuance	New issue areas introduced by AHJ after initial comments are sent to the station developer
<b>Best Practice</b>	Clear EVCS permitting process detailed on AHJ website	Permitting process not explained on AHJ website
	ZEV Infrastructure permitting ombudsperson appointed to help applicants through the entire permitting process	AHJ does not offer access to an expert who can support station developers through the entire permitting process
	Guidance documents for permitting and inspecting charging stations at single family home, multifamily home, workplace, public (L2 and DCFC), and commercial medium and heavy duty posted on AHJ website	Limited or no information online
	Pre-application meetings with knowledgeable AHJ staff are offered	Full permit package needs to be submitted to gain feedback from AHJ staff
	AHJ has published an ordinance or bulletin clarifying that a plug-in electric vehicle charging space counts as one or more parking spaces for zoning purposes	EVCS installation projects trigger a parking count review
	Concurrent reviews are made available for building, electrical (and planning, if deemed necessary)	Sequential permit reviews only
	Planning for ZEVs and supporting infrastructure is incorporated and prioritized within documents such as the general plan, capital improvement plan, climate action plan, and design guidelines	EV charging guidelines are not incorporated into planning documents
	EVCS are classified as an accessory use to a site, not as a traditional fueling station	AHJ considers charging stations as fueling stations, leading to additional zoning review
	AHJ has established/published timelines for EV permit application review that are expedited when compared to standard building permit review timelines in that jurisdiction.	AHJ does not have expedited permitting process for EV applications – resulting in standard project permitting timelines
	AHJ's expedited EV permit review process encourages permit reviewers to conditionally approve permits (aka "approved as noted")	AHJ does not encourage conditional approval of permits

Source: CA Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development Electric Vehicle Charging Station Permitting Guidebook