



CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 9, 2023

SUBJECT: Approval of License Agreement with Charge EV, LLC. To install an EV charging pedestal at the Nov Library. Final form and agreement to be decided by the City Attorney and City Manager

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: City Manager's Office

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In 2010-11, the City installed two EV charging stations on municipal grounds. One located at the Police Station, and the other at the Novi Library. After about five years it was decided to remove the location at the Police Station due to low usage. Over the years the City began to experience service interruptions with the Library location and ultimately could not access the interface to service the remaining station. Calls for service with the operator Charge Point, a nationwide electric vehicle (EV) charging company, went unanswered. Ultimately, it was decided to remove the remaining pedestal as one of the chargers stopped working.

The City was approached by a local GM dealership participating in the General Motors Dealer Community Charging Program, whose goal is to expand charging station accessibility. GM's program is facilitated through Charge EV LLC, a Michigan-based electric vehicle (EV) charging company. The City and EV LLC began conversations about re-installing a Level 2 charger at the Library. Similar to the agreement previously held with Charge Point, Charge EV, LLC., License Agreement will continue electric vehicle charging services for current Novi residents at the Novi Public Library while bolstering visibility. The City of Novi will grant Charge EV LLC (CEV) a license that will permit the installation and maintenance of electric vehicle chargers.

Per the Agreement, CEV is responsible for the EV chargers, and the City of Novi will not be liable for any damages unless the damages are caused by the City of Novi's gross negligence. CEV will install the electric vehicle chargers, a transformer, and the utility transmission lines needed to operate the electric vehicle chargers. The chargers to be installed are two Level 2 chargers connected to one pedestal, similar to what the City previously had. Users will be charged no more than 150% of the cost of delivered power (\$10.00 - \$30.00 per full charge, on average 7 – 15 hours). Per the

agreement, CEV shall share revenue of \$0.03 per kilowatt-hour, payable on the tenth day of each quarter of the year, \$0.05 following a renewed contract.

Having a Michigan-based EV charging company will make for more effective communication between the City of Novi and Charge EV, LLC, eliminating the previous problems plaguing the agreement with Charge Point.

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