

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DECEMBER 7, 2022

TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW

FROM: HISTORIC PRESERVATION STAFF

SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL POLICY FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS IN THE OHAD AND PG HISTORIC DISTRICTS

At the December 7, 2022, hearing staff will present a BAR administrative approval policy for electric vehicle (EV) charging stations. The proposed administrative approval policy would allow staff to administratively approve wall and ground-mounted EV charging stations on private properties in the Old and Historic District and Parker-Gray District.

The proposed language is below:

Electric Vehicle Charging Stations	EV charging stations, provided the following criteria are met: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimally visible and located in the side or rear yard.• Cannot exceed 6 feet in height.• For wall-mounted charging stations, all conduits should be painted to match the adjacent wall surface. All EV charging stations must be located completely on the subject property and comply with zoning setback requirements. A scaled survey plat with the location of the proposed charging station must be submitted with the application.
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As with all administrative approval policies, failure to meet the requirements does not result in denial but rather requires that the applicant seek BAR approval at a public hearing. In addition, using good judgment, staff may find that a proposed EV charging station project may need full Board review, in which case the application would be docketed.

Staff looks forward to any questions and feedback from the Board, as well as the public. Following that discussion staff looks forward to the Board's approval of the proposed policy.