Town of Bridgewater Use of Municipal Charging Stations August, 2023

The Town of Bridgewater owns electric vehicle charging stations installed in the municipal office building (Academy Building) parking lot. While the stations were installed to support the town's EVs, the stations are available for use by anyone with an EV during certain hours.

Here are guidelines for use by the public:

Charging Station Availability

- The municipal charging stations will be available for public use when the Town Hall is closed.
- Outside of the designated Town Hall work hours, the charging stations will be accessible to the public on a first-come, first-served basis.
- On occasion, a town vehicle may have to charge overnight, but town staff will try to avoid the use of the stations at times when they are available for public use.

Charging Station Etiquette and Responsibilities

- Users of the charging stations must park their vehicles in a manner that does not obstruct traffic flow or impede the operation of other charging stations.
- Users are responsible for providing any additional charging cables and ensuring safe and proper use during the charging process.
- Users must promptly vacate the charging station once their vehicle has been adequately charged to allow other users access to the charging infrastructure.
- Any damage to or malfunction of the charging stations should be reported immediately to the Town Manager's Office.

Violations of this policy, including unauthorized use of the charging stations or non-compliance with charging station etiquette, may result in penalties, towing, or other enforcement actions.

DISCLAIMER:

The Town of Bridgewater shall be held harmless for any damage, loss, or liability incurred during the public use of the municipal charging stations. By utilizing the charging stations, users acknowledge and agree that the Town of Bridgewater assumes no responsibility for any damage, loss, or injury to vehicles, equipment, or individuals arising from the use of the charging stations. Users bear all risks associated with the charging process and agree to release and hold the Town of Bridgewater harmless from any claims, demands, or actions arising from their use of the charging stations. It is the responsibility of users to exercise caution, follow charging station guidelines, and take necessary precautions to protect their property and ensure personal safety.