

Equipping your association for EVs in Texas



EV-ready? Take charge today.

The full transition to an EV-friendly community takes at least six months, so it's important to start the process sooner than later. We know it can seem overwhelming, which is why we put together this list of action items to steer your board in the right direction:

1. Set up an advisory committee of interested owners.

Is there a current ad-hoc committee in place?

Poll your residents to find out:

How many EV owners currently live in your association?

How many are planning on buying EVs and when?

What accommodations would improve current EV drivers' experience?

What accommodations would make it easier for current and future residents to own EVs?

Any input on parking relocation?

2. Meet with your electrical engineer/electrician.

Determine your association's current electrical capacity.

Discuss charging options and different types of setup (e.g. smart charging networks, access control features, etc.)

3. Meet with your electric utilities company to ensure sufficient power for current and future needs.

If it can't accommodate your association, can it bring in a new service (preferably at no extra cost)?

What's the long-term impact on your association?

4. Discuss opportunities, solutions, and potential considerations with:

Fellow board members

Trusted vendors

Your association's attorney - ensure it is not a material alteration.

5. Reach out to insurance companies.

Ask about proposed solutions; your community manager should provide reliable insurance industry contacts.

6. Choose your charging system.

Now that you've explored your options and received feedback from residents and trusted advisors, which system best fits your association's needs?

7. Select the best vendors.

Service provider

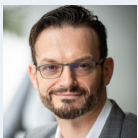
Make and model of charger

Electrician

8. Implement and manage.

An experienced property management company has the resources and expertise to help make this process successful every step of the way. It can also ensure you continue receiving the proper support to keep up with the growing community of EV owners in your association.

“*In the past handful of years, we've seen the interest in [electric vehicles (EVs)] grow from a rarity to commonplace. These are no longer one-off challenges, but rather, a conversation that all communities...be ready to tackle if they want to attract new residents and keep their existing community members happy.*”



Chris Normandeau
Director of FirstService Energy, an affiliate of FirstService Residential



We're in this together.

As more EVs make their way to your parking garage, we'd love to discuss ways we can support your association in setting up the most efficient charging accommodations. **Reach out today**, and we'll be in touch soon.