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City of Beloit Introduces Electric Vehicle Charging Stations at Ironworks Parking Lot

July 16, 2019 - The City of Beloit has installed two Level 2 dual-prong electric vehicle charging stations in the Ironworks (Fourth Street) parking lot on the southeast side of the lot.

Vehicle charges at the station will be at no cost to the user through Dec. 31, 2019.

“As a city committed to sustainable practices, we are thrilled to offer these charging stations in our downtown area,” said Beloit City Manager Lori Curtis Luther. “The Ironworks parking lot is near our hub of business, charitable and recreational activities, which allows these charging stations to bring important environmental and economic benefits to the area.”

The charging stations were installed with funding from Visit Beloit, Alliant Energy and Hendricks Commercial Properties at no cost to the city, and are administered through the Greenlots system. Drivers can connect to the charger and start a session through the Greenlots app, a Greenlots RFID card or by calling 855-900-7584. Drivers can sign up at <https://charge.greenlots.com>.

The use of electric vehicles reduces the dependence upon fossil fuels as electricity is the vehicles’ primary power source, which reduces carbon emissions from driving by 50% in the U.S. Owners of electric vehicles also benefit from fuel savings by reducing their costs from 12 cents per mile to 3 cents per mile or less. The more public electric vehicle chargers a community provides encourages more drivers to purchase electric vehicles, which provides environmental and economic benefits.

“The Ironworks parking lot is a prime location for an electric vehicle charging station due to its proximity to the Ironworks campus, our downtown businesses, and the YMCA,” said Andrew Janke, Economic Development Director. “The implementation of these stations benefits the downtown workers and visitors who have made the important commitment to reduce their carbon emissions. We are thankful for the partnership with Visit Beloit, Alliant Energy and Hendricks Commercial Properties, as well as the support of the Beloit City Council, in making this project a reality.”

FAQs

- **How does a driver start a charge session?** Start a session with the free Greenlots app, a Greenlots RFID card, or call 855-900-7584. Sign up at charge.greenlots.com.
- **Can all electric vehicles use this charge station?** No, for Level 2 chargers the most common connector is J1772.
- **Can a driver pay with a credit card?** Yes, you can pay with a credit card using the mobile app, or by calling 855-900-7584. *Payment not required until Jan. 1, 2020.*
- **What if a driver needs help?** The customer care team is available to assist drivers 24/7 and can be reached by calling 855-900-7584.
- **How can a driver find the Greenlots app?** The app is available for free on iTunes and Google play.
- **How can a driver order a Greenlots RFID card?** After signing up, log in to your driver account to request an RFID card, or call 855-900-7584.
- **Can the station be used in the rain or snow?** Yes! The station is safe to use in all weather conditions, but charging may be slower in cold and hot conditions.
- **Driver comments or concerns?** Customer care team (24/7 driver support): 855-900-7584. Email: support@greenlots.com

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