

## Raleigh City Ordinance 11-2174(c)

On April 3, 2012 Raleigh City Council adopted a revision by the City Attorney to Ordinance 11-2174 to include rules pertaining to spaces reserved for electric vehicles as follows:

“Sec. 11-2174 of the Raleigh City Code is hereby amended by adding a new subsection (c) thereto to read as follows:

(c) The city council may designate certain parking spaces on city streets at or near electric charging stations for use only by electric vehicles. An electric vehicle is one that operates, either partially or exclusively, on electrical energy from the grid, or an off grid source, that is stored on board for motive purpose. An electric charging station is equipment that has as its primary purpose the transfer of electric energy to a battery or other energy storage device on an electric vehicle.

Spaces designated as reserved for electric vehicles shall be clearly marked as such. When a space has been so marked no person shall park or stand any nonelectric vehicle in that space. *If an electric vehicle is parked in such a designated space but is not attached to the charging station it is in violation of this ordinance.* Any nonelectric vehicle so parked is subject to civil fine or removal. The fine for violation of this ordinance is fifty dollars (\$50.00) and shall be collected in the same manner and with the same penalties for late payment as other on street parking violations. Any vehicle parked in such a space must make the appropriate payment for the space and observe the time limit for the underlying parking zone.”

### Electric Vehicle Parking FAQ's

**Q. What is the violation fine?**

A. \$50

**Q. Is this ordinance enforceable 24 hours including holidays?**

A. Yes. If not enforced by parking staff, it is also enforced by the police.

**Q. Can an electric vehicle park in an EV space without plugging in to the charging station if the driver is just going to be away for a few minutes?**

A. No. The ordinance does not quantify a minimum time limit. The intention is to ensure that charging stations are available to all EV owners for charging purposes.



**Q. Can a vehicle in violation of both the EV ordinance and “expired meter” be cited for both?**

A. Yes. The two violations are distinct from one another and either one can create inconvenience for other users. In this case, the fines of \$50 for violation of the EV ordinance and \$20 for expired meter would apply.

**Q. My EV takes 3 hours to charge but the on-street spaces are only 2 hours. Can I pay for an extra hour?**

A. No. EV's require 3 hours to charge when the batteries are depleted but most EV's are not that low so the time to fully charge will be much less. On-street parking is provided for faster turnover in support of the businesses that are served by it. If EV's need more than 2 hours, they should park in an EV space in the decks where long term daily parking is provided except where otherwise posted.

**Q. What decks have EV spaces?**

Performing Arts Deck	1 space	Level 2, NW corner (Lenoir @ McDowell)
Convention Deck	2 spaces	Lenoir St entrance, first 2 spaces on right after cashier booth
City Center Deck	3 spaces:	1 - ground level at ramp (NOTE: Max 3-hour time limit) 2 - level P7, covered area, middle row
Municipal Deck	2 spaces	last 2 spaces on right past cashier booth
Wilmington Deck	1 space	enter off Blount St, first space on right

**Q. Where are the on-street EV spaces?**

200 blk Fayetteville St	1 space	east side in front of The Mint restaurant
200 blk W Hargett St	2 spaces	Nash Square at S Dawson St
200 Block W Cabarrus St	1 Space	Raleigh Convention Center at S Salisbury St