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## Electric Vehicle Charging Policy

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In order to utilize Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations on any University of Southern Maine campus, the user must hold a valid parking permit or be paying to park in that lot. Charging may only take place through designated EV charging stations. Plugging directly into a building outlet that is not part of a designated EV charging station is prohibited and subject to citation.

### **Portland Campus:**

All EV charging stations in the Portland parking garage complex are available to students, staff, faculty and visitors.

Every car parked in an EV charging space must be plugged in to a charger, or else a ticket will be issued, because these are charging spaces only, not normal parking spaces. There is no grace period before plugging in or unplugging if the vehicle's driver is not present. If the driver is in the vehicle or adjacent to the vehicle, there is a 10-minute grace period to get plugged in after parking or to leave the space after unplugging.

The current cost for using a space is posted on the University's EV Charging Page here: <https://usm.maine.edu/parking-transportation/ev-charging/>. These costs may vary by day of the week, time of day, or duration of time plugged in, so please read the current schedule and rates on the website carefully.

Unless the website states otherwise, users will be charged whenever they are plugged in, regardless of whether or not electricity is flowing. For example, if their battery is full but they are still plugged in, they will continue being charged. This method is intended to incentivize users to move their vehicle after they are done charging in order to allow other users to charge.

### **Gorham Campus:**

- Free EV chargers on the Gorham campus are currently available only to the designated user of that lot (e.g. chargers in staff/faculty lots are for staff/faculty only, while chargers in student lots are for students only).
- Use of free chargers is limited to two hours, after which the vehicle must unplug and move or else a citation may be issued.
- Paid EV chargers on the Gorham campus are run by a different company than the ones in Portland and will be subject to different rates. Check the charging company's website or app for current rates. Vehicle drivers parking on campus must pay applicable parking

rates to the University of Southern Maine in addition to charging fees. See the Parking Services website for current rates for students, staff, faculty and visitors. Vehicles must be moved after charging is complete, or else drivers will be subject to citations.