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INTRODUCTION

More and more, buildings are incorporating charging capabilities to accommodate the growing market for electric vehicles. This is a new aspect of building operations that a growing number of jurisdictions will need to address. This guide provides an overview of code requirements for the installation of Level 2 Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) installations and 120V or 240V outlets intended to power a light-duty (e.g., cars, vans, SUVs, pickup trucks) Electric Vehicle (EV). By providing specific and replicable list of permitting and inspection requirements, local jurisdictions can reduce informational barriers and help ensure the design and installation EV charging infrastructure are consistent and code compliant. This guide references the most applicable requirements for 2020 National Electrical Code (NEC), 2021 International Building Code (IBC), and the 2021 International Fire Code (IFC).1 as they apply to EVSE installations. Not all requirements are covered by these checklists, but they do include the most important life and safety requirements of the installation and can be used to highlight "common mistakes" made by installers. While these guidelines are geared primarily toward implementing the 2020 NEC, 2021 IBC, and 2017 ICC A117.1 jurisdictions enforcing and contractors using earlier editions of these codes can make use of these guidelines.

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

The building department may conduct plan review and inspection for EVSE installations using this guide as a starting point. Designers, contractors and building owners can use this guide to know what to expect in the permitting and inspection processes. This guide was designed with limitations on its application in mind, includina:

This EVSE permitting and

Inis EvoEpering.... include requirements any service upgrades or other electrical work. If the required load calculation demonstrates a service upgrade is needed, this streamlined permitting and inspection guide cannot be used to determine code compliance of the service upgrade.

This EVSE permitting and inspection guide does

not include requirements for indoor installation of infrastructure for EV batteries that require additional ventilation, including flooded leadacid or nickel-iron batteries.

Where electrical service or metering upgrades are required, another permit may be required before this guide may be followed.

This electrical requirements in this guide primarily focuses on the requirements in Article 625: Electric Vehicle Charging System of the National Electrical Code. Additional general electrical requirements detailed in Chapters 1 through 4 of the National Electrical Code also apply but are not included in this guide. This includes but is not limited by the following:

· Electrical equipment is installed in a neat and workmanlike manner. (NEC 110.12)

 Electrical connections of the circuit conductors and equipment grounding conductor connections are secure. (NEC 110.14. 250.148(A))

 Installed branch circuit wiring is properly secured, supported, and routed to prevent physical damage. (NEC 300.11)

The public parking accessibility requirements are based on the 2017 ICC A117.1, Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities. More stringent local accessibility requirements supersede the accessibility requirements in this guide.



PERMIT SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS



TO APPLY FOR AN EVSE PERMIT **SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:**

- 1) Electrical permit application
- 2) Site plan (see Figure 3) drawn to scale showing:
 - a) Property lines, adjacent streets, lot dimensions and the north arrow,
 - b) Primary use of the space or area where the EVSE will be installed,
 - c) Location of the proposed EVSE equipment on the property,
 - d) Number of proposed EVSE chargers,
 - e) Dimensioned parking spaces, and
 - f) Aisle width behind the parking spaces.

3) Electrical line diagram (see Figure 2) with:

- a) EVSE configuration,
- b) Communication requirements,
- c) EVSE specifications (manufacturer, maximum kW rating, voltage and ampacity, cable management system, if applicable),
- d) Mounting details (e.g., wall, pedestal with footing details),
- e) NEMA enclosure type,
- f) Conductors, cables, and conduit types, sizes, and markings,
- g) Conduit routes and requirements for their installation (e.g. within framing, mounted to structures, underground, etc.),
- h) Type and size rating of overcurrent protection and disconnects, and
- i) Location of additional meters, main electrical service panel, distribution panels or subpanels.
- 4) Load calculation
- 5) Transformer specification sheets, if applicable
- 6) EVSE specification sheets and installation manuals
- 7) Specification sheet for automatic load management system and splice when sharing a circuit for load management if applicable.

GENERAL INSTALLATION GUIDE



MINIMUM EVSE REQUIREMENTS

- **1** EVSE installed according to manufacturer's installation instructions. (NEC 110.3(B))
- **2** EVSE is suitable for the environment (indoor/outdoor) in which it will be installed. (NEC 110.28)
- **3** EVSE has a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL) approved listing mark. (UL 2202/UL 2594) (NEC 625.5)
- 4 If EVSE with adjustable amperage setting is installed, equipment is fixed in place and adjusting means is accessible by qualified personnel with the use of a tool or password protected commissioning software. (NEC 625.42)







PUBLIC PARKING ACCESSIBILITY

5 Offices:

- a) Number of EVSE spaces matches approved floor plan. 5% of EVSE public parking spaces, not less than one, for each type of EVSE are accessible. (IBC 1107.2.1)
- b) All accessible EVSE spaces are at least 11 feet wide with an adjoining access aisle that is at least 5 feet wide (this is equivalent to the requirements for an accessible van parking space). (IBC 1107.2.2)

6 Multifamily:

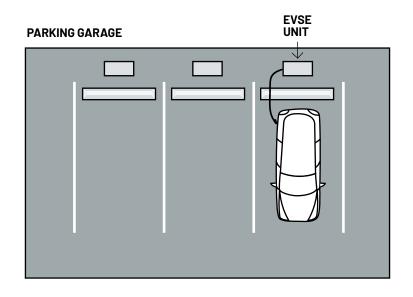
- a) Number of EVSE spaces matches approved floor plan. 2% of EVSE parking spaces, not less than one, for each type of EVSE are accessible. (IBC 1106.3)
- b) One in every six EVSE accessible spaces are at least 11 feet wide with an adjoining access aisle that is at least 5 feet wide to accommodate an accessible van. (IBC 1106.6)
- c) All other EVSE accessible spaces are 8 feet wide with access aisles that are 5 feet wide. Adjacent aisles can be shared between two
 - (ICC A117.1502.2, 502.3)
- 7 In ADA accessible parking/charging spaces, EVSE is located such that ADA routes maintain a pathway of 4 feet at all times if in a publicly accessible location (ICC A117.1 403.5.1).

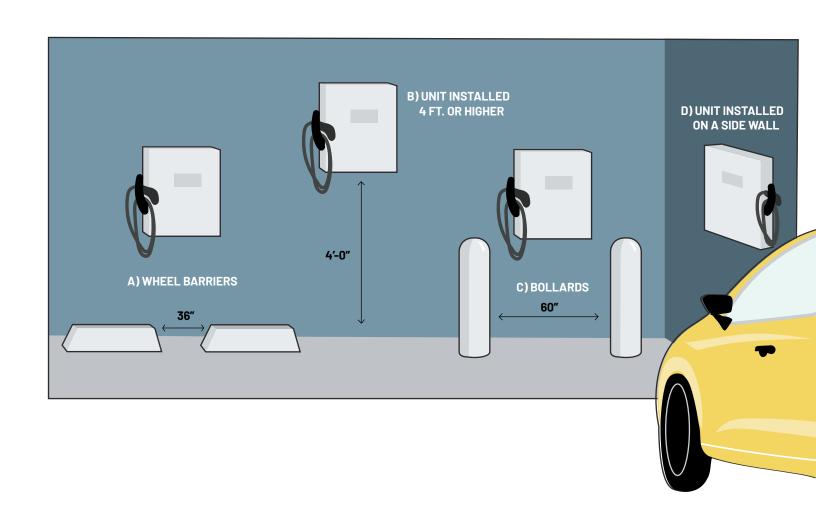


LOCATION AND EVSE INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS

- Permanently installed EVSE are located at a height of (NEC 625.50):
 - a) Indoor location: 1.5 feet or more above floor
 - b) Outdoor location: 2 feet or more above arade level.
- **9** When unobstructed, outlet or EVSE for ADA accessible parking spaces are located at a height of less than 4 feet. (ICC A117.1 309.3, 308.2.1)
- **10** Charging cord meets one of the following: (NEC 625.17)
 - a) Does not exceed 25' in length, or
 - b) Where equipped with a cable management system that is part of the EVSE, cord length can exceed 25 feet. (NEC 625.17)
- 11 Charging cord length reaches the vehicle's charging inlet without excessive slack. (NEC 625.17)
- **12** The EVSE is protected from vehicular impact through one of the following:
 - a) Installation in a location not subject to vehicular impact such as a side wall or 4 feet or more above floor level,
 - b) Wheel barriers,
 - c) Bollards, or
 - d) Other approved barrier. (NEC 110.27(B))

FIGURE 2: **APPROVED BARRIERS**







SELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS

- 13 Electrical service rating is greater than or equal to the electrical service load as demonstrated by electrical service load calculations. (NEC 220)
- **14** EVSE has a sufficient rating to supply the load served. (NEC 625.42)
- 25 Service and feeder are sized for EVSE to be considered continuous loads unless an automatic load management system (ALMS) is used. If an ALMS is used, the maximum equipment load on the service/feeder matches the maximum load permitted by the ALMS. (NEC 625.42)
- **16** The required overcurrent protection for the proposed EVSE are
 - a) Rated for continuous duty
 - b) Have a rating of 125% or more of the maximum load of the equipment specification based on Table 1 below. (NEC 625.41)

TABLE 1: REQUIRED OVERCURRENT PROTECTION DEVICE SIZE

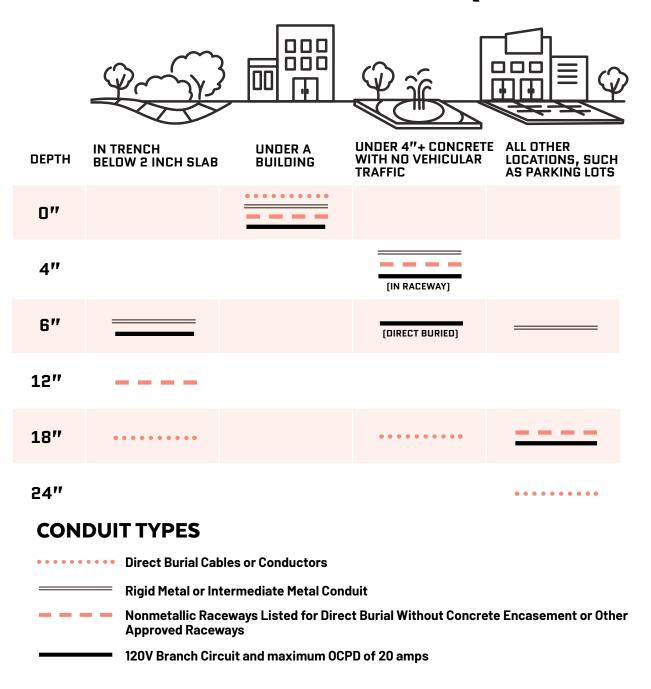
Maximum EVSE current 16A	Required OCPD Size 20A
24A	30A
30A	40A
32A	40A
40A	50A
80A	100A

- 17 If the EVSE is rated more than 60 amps or more than 150V to ground, the disconnecting means is able to be locked in the open position and is in an easily accessible location not protected by locked doors or other obstructions. (NEC 625.43, NEC 110.25)
- **18** Circuits serving EVSE do not serve any other end uses. (NEC 625.40)
- **19** Circuit conductors are sized at 125% or more of EVSE maximum internal field selected current setting. (NEC 210.19(A)(1), NEC 215.2(A), NEC Table 310.16)
- All electrical materials, devices, fittings, and associated equipment are listed and labeled. (NEC 625.5)
- 21 Underground conduit meet minimum depth requirements in Table 2 below. Insulated conductors and cables are suitable for use in wet locations and protected from physical damage. (NEC 300.5, NEC 310.5)

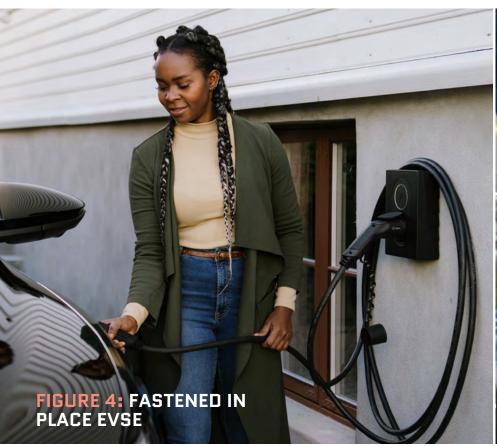


TABLE 2:

UNDERGROUND CONDUIT MINIMUM DEPTH REQUIREMENT



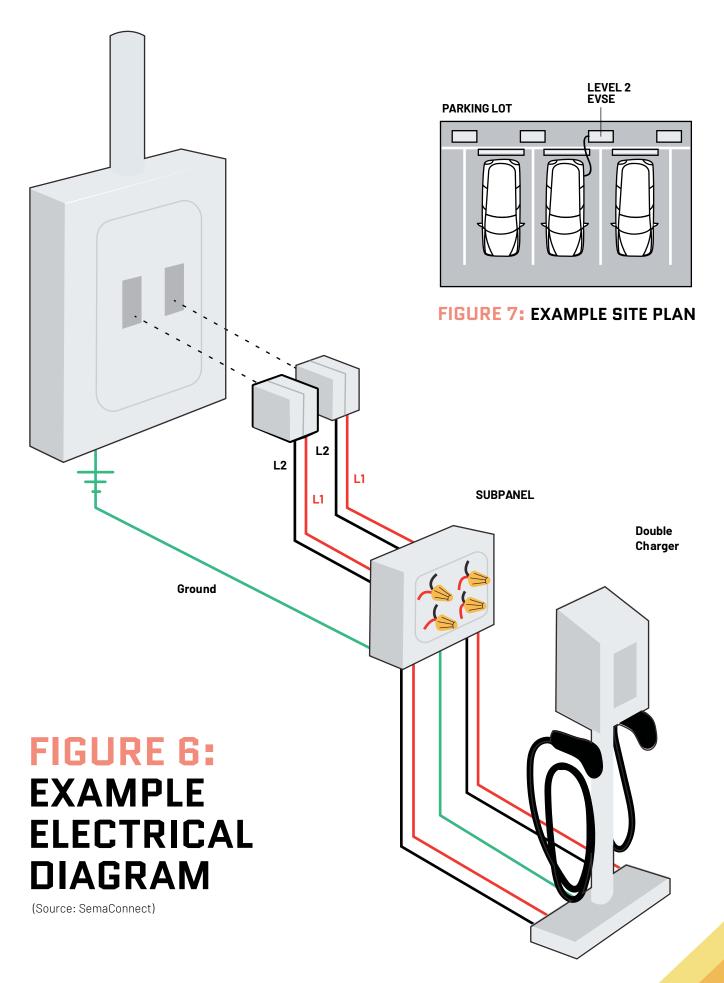
- **22 Portable EVSE** is connected by one of the following: (NEC 625.44(A))
 - a. A nonlocking 2-pole, 3-wire grounding-type receptacle outlet rated at 125V, single phase, 15 or 20 amps
 - b. A nonlocking, 2-pole, 3-wire grounding-type receptacle outlet rated at 250V, single phase, 15 or 20 amps
 - c. A nonlocking, 2-pole, 3-wire or 3-pole, 4-wire grounding-type receptacle outlet rated at 250V, single phase, 30 or 50 amps
 - d. A nonlocking, 2-pole, 3-wire grounding-type outlet rated at 60V DC maximum, 15 or 20A







- **23 Fastened-in place EVSE** are connected by one of the following: (NEC 625.44(B))
 - a. A nonlocking 2 pole, 3-wire grounding-type receptacle outlet rated at 125V or 250V, single phase, up to 50 amps
 - b. A nonlocking, 3-pole, 4-wire grounding-type receptacle outlet rated at 250V, three phase, up to 50 amps
 - c. A nonlocking, 3-pole, 4-wire grounding-type receptacle outlet rated at 250V, single phase, 30 or 50 amps
 - d. A nonlocking, 2-pole, 3-wire grounding-type receptacle outlet rated at 60 V DC maximum, 15 or 20A amps
- **24 Fixed EVSE** are permanently wired and fixed in place to the supporting surface. (NEC 625.44 (C))
- **25** Receptacles have GFCI protection. (NEC 625.54)
- All receptacles installed in a wet location for EV charging have a weatherproof enclosure with the attachment plug cap inserted or removed. If an outlet box hood is installed, it is extra duty. (NEC 625.56)





PERMITTING CHECKLIST

MINIMUM EVSE REQUIREMENTS				
 EVSE installed according to manufact installation instructions. EVSE is suitable for the environment (i outdoor) in which it will be installed. 	Laboratory (NRTL) approved listing mark. (UL			
PUBLIC	PARKING ACCESSIBILITY			
a) Number of EVSE spaces matches a floor plan. 5% of EVSE public parking not less than one, for each type of accessible. b) All accessible EVSE spaces are at limited with an adjoining access aisle least 5 feet wide (equivalent to the ments for an accessible van parking). 5 Multifamily: a) Number of EVSE spaces matches a floor plan. 2% of EVSE parking spaces.	than one, for each type of EVSE are accessible. b) One in every six EVSE accessible spaces are at least 11 feet wide with an adjoining access aisle that is at least 5 feet wide to accommodate an accessible van. c) All other EVSE accessible spaces are 8 feet wide with access aisles that are 5 feet wide. Adjacent aisles can be shared between two spaces. In ADA accessible parking/charging spaces, EVSE is located such that ADA routes maintain a pathway of 4 feet at all times if in a publicly accessible.			
LOCATION AND EV	SE INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS			
7 Permanently installed EVSE are located at a a) Indoor location: 1.5 feet or more above b) Outdoor location: 2 feet or more above	height of: floor level grade level. that is part of the EVSE. The EVSE is protected from vehicular impact through one of the following:			
When unobstructed, outlet or EVSE for All accessible parking spaces are located at a less than 4 feet.	height of well cular impact such as a side wall of 4 feet of more above floor level; b) Wheel barriers;			
 Charging cord meets one of the following: a) Does not exceed 25' in length, or b) Is equipped with a cable management 	c) Bollards; or d) Other approved barrier t system			
S ELECTR	ICAL REQUIREMENTS			
■ 11 Electrical service rating is greater than or electrical service load as demonstrated by service load calculations.	electrical requirements in Table 2. Insulated conductors and cables are suitable for use in wet locations and			
■ 12 EVSE has a sufficient rating to supply the	I 19 Portable FVSF is connected by one of the following:			
■ 13 Service and feeder are sized for EVSE to be considered continuous loads unless an aut management system (ALMS) is used. If an AL the maximum equipment load on the servimatches the maximum load permitted by	a. A nonlocking 2-pole, 3-wire grounding-type receptacle outlet rated at 125V, single phase, 15 or 20 amps b. A nonlocking, 2-pole, 3-wire grounding-type receptacle outlet rated at 250V, single phase, 15 or 20 amps c. A nonlocking, 2-pole, 3-wire or 3-pole, 4-wire			
 The required overcurrent protection for the EVSE are: a) Rated for continuous duty b) Have a rating of 125% or more of the major of the equipment specification based of the equipment specification based or the equipment specificati	pnase, 30 or 50 amps d. A nonlocking, 2-pole, 3-wire grounding-type outlet rated at 60V DC maximum, 15 or 20A			
If the EVSE is rated more than 60 amps or 150V to ground, the disconnecting means to be locked in the open position and is in a accessible location not protected by locke other obstructions.	following: a ble n easily a. A nonlocking 2 pole, 3-wire grounding-type receptacle outlet rated at 125V or 250V, single phase, up to 50 amp			
☐ 16 Circuits serving EVSE do not serve any other	r end uses. outlet rated at 250V, single phase, 30 or 50 amps d. A nonlocking, 2-pole, 3-wire grounding-type receptacle			
17 Circuit conductors are sized at 125% or monameplate current	re of EVSE outlet rated at 60 V DC maximum, 15 or 20A amps			
	21 Fixed EVSE are permanently wired and fixed in place to the supporting surface.			





Numbers that correspond to the requirement in the permitting checklist are provided next to the same requirement in the field inspection checklist.

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MINIMUM EVSE REQUIF	REMENTS
Specifications of EVSE match the approved plans:	3 EVSE is suitable to for the environment in which it is installed (indoor and outdoor). (2)
a) Maximum kW rating, b) Voltage, c) Ampacity, d) Manufacturer	■ 4 EVSE has a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL) approved listing mark. (UL 2202/UL 2594). (3)
e) NEMA enclosure type. 2 EVSE installed according to manufacturer's installation instructions. (1)	5 If EVSE with adjustable amperage setting is installed, equipment is fixed in place and adjusting means is accessible by qualified personnel with the use of a tool or password protected commissioning software.
PUBLIC PARK	ING ACCESSIBILITY
a) Number of EVSE spaces matches approved floor plan. 5% of EVSE public parking spaces, not less than one, for each type of EVSE are accessible. b) All accessible EVSE spaces are at least 11 feet wide with an adjoining access aisle that is at least 5 feet wide (equivalent to the requirements for an accessible van parking space). 7 Multifamily: (5) a) Number of EVSE spaces matches approved floor plan. 2% of EVSE parking spaces, not less than one, for each type of EVSE are accessible.	b) One in every six EVSE accessible spaces are at least 11 feet wide with an adjoining access aisle that is at least 5 feet wide to accommodate an accessible van. c) All other EVSE accessible spaces are 8 feet wide with access aisles that are 5 feet wide. Adjacent aisles can be shared between two spaces. 8 In ADA accessible parking/charging spaces, EVSE is located such that ADA routes maintain a pathway of 4 feet at all times if in a publicly accessible. (6)
 S EVSE installation location matches approved floor plan. 10 Permanently installed EVSE are located at a 	 Charging cord meets one of the following: (9) a) Does not exceed 25' in length. b) Is equipped with a cable management system that is part of the EVSE
height of: (4) a)Indoor location: 1.5 feet or more above floor level	Charging cord length reaches the vehicle's charging inlet without excessive slack.
b)Outdoor location: 2 feet or more above grade level. 11 When unobstructed, outlet or EVSE for ADA accessible parking spaces are located at a height of less than 4 feet. (8)	The EVSE is protected from vehicular impact through one of the following: (10) a) Installation in a location not subject to vehicular impact such as a side wall or 4 feet or more above floor level; b) Wheel barriers; c) Bollards; or

d) Other approved barrier.



ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS

- **15** Electrical service rating is greater than or equal to the electrical service load. (11 and 13)
- Overcurrent protection are the type and rating according to the approved plan. (14)
- 17 For EVSE rated greater than 60 amperes or 150 volts, a disconnecting means is able to be locked in the open position and is located an easily accessible location not protected by locked doors or other obstructions. (15)
- **18** Circuits serving EVSE do not serve any other end uses. (16)
- 19 Circuit conductors are the type and size according to the approved plan. (17)
- **20** All electrical materials, devices, fittings, and associated equipment are listed and labeled.

- 21 Underground conduit meet minimum depth requirements according to the approved plan. Insulated conductors and cables are suitable for use in wet locations and protected from physical damage. (18)
- Portable and fastened-in-place EVSE are connected to the wiring system according to the approved plans. (19 and 20)
- **23** Fixed EVSE are permanently wired and fixed in place to the supporting surface. (21)
- ☐ **24** Receptacles have GFCI protection.
- 25 All receptacles installed in a wet location for EV charging have a weatherproof enclosure with the attachment plug cap inserted or removed. If an outlet box hood is installed, it is extra duty.



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EVSE AGENCY CONTACTS

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Division	
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Email	
Phone	



APPENDIX: EVSE PERMIT APPLICATION

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
Application Number:
Permit Number:
Issued By:
Date Applied:
Date Issued:

SECTION 1 - GENERAL INFO

PROJECT ADDRESS					
PROPERTY OWNER'S N.	AME P	HONE NUMBE	ER EMAIL	_	
PROPERTY OWNER'S M	AILING ADDRESS	(IF DIFFEREN	NT FROM PROJEC	CT ADDRESS)	
ION 2 - PROJECT	DETAILS				
BUILDING TYPE/EXIS	STING USE				
MULTI-FAMILY	OFFICE	☐ NE'	W CONSTRUCTIO	N DOTHER:	
EVSE LOCATION:					
☐ GARAGE	EXTERIOR WALL	☐ STF	REET CURB	☐ OTHER	
AXIMUM RATING OF EVEL 2 EV SERVICE EQUIPMENT		kW	EVSE VOLTA	AGE	
MANUFACTURER			NUMBER OF E	VSE	
LOAD OF EXISTING PANEL SUPPLYING EVSE		AMPS	TOTAL L (EXISTING P EVSE LO	LUS	,
SERVICE LOAD		AMPS			
PROJECT DESCRIPTI	ON:				

SECTION 3 - CONTRACTOR INFORMATION

CONTRACTOR BUSINESS NAME		CONTRACTOR LICENSE NUMBE	ĒR
BUSINESS ADDRESS			
CONTRACTOR CONTACT NAME	PHONE NUMBER	EMAIL	

SECTION 4 - PERMIT FEE

[Include fee schedule/options and/or instructions for calculating fee, directions on how and when to submit the permit fee.]

SECTION 5 - IMPORTANT NOTICE

A permit must be obtained for all installations or alterations of electrical equipment BEFORE WORK STARTS. Refer to EVSE Permitting Checklist for additional documents required. Failure to provide all required documents, including (1) Site Plan, (2) Electrical Diagram, and (3) Specification Sheets and Installation Manuals will delay permit approval. All permits expire six (6) months after date of issuance. Failure to start the work authorized by a permit within this six-month period renders the permit invalid and a new permit must be obtained. Once work begins, noticeable progress must continue until completion. All work must be complete within eighteen (18) months of a permit issue date.

Please Submit the following additional documents with the EVSE Permit Application

- Site Plan
- Electrical Diagram
- EVSE Specification Sheets and Installation Manuals
- Transformer Specification Sheets
- Load Calculation
- Automatic Load Management System
- Specification sheet if applicable

Submit Permit Application

[Describe the submission process, how should the permits be submitted? In-person, on-line, e-mail, fax, etc.]

SECTION 6 - APPLICANT SIGNATURE

I, the undersigned, certify that I have proper authority to apply for this permit, that the Contractor has obtained a signed contract from the Property Owner for the specified work, that all contractors have consented to being listed, and that all the information contained on this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

NAME	TITLE
SIGNATURE	DATE

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