



Roll Call Number

Agenda Item Number

Ex. 1

Date August 5, 2019

From Council Member Josh Mandelbaum to speak regarding adding charging stations downtown for wheelchairs and mobility scooters.

Moved by _____ to receive and file comments.

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Mayor

CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

City Clerk

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Dear City of Des Moines Mayor and Council Members;

I am requesting that the City install charging stations in the Downtown and East Village neighborhoods for electric wheelchairs and mobility scooters. This would be a significant benefit for persons with disabilities that rely on these devices to live, work and play in the city center. It would benefit both current and future residents, as well as guests to our city.

I have lived in downtown and the East Village for 15 years, and rely on a scooter daily to allow me to work at the downtown Hy-Vee and perform everyday tasks in my neighborhood. My scooter requires an electrical charge when not in use. On more than one occasion, I have been stranded as a result of a low charge example would be heading back from my parents place to downtown and there is no plug-ins.

I see many local citizens using electric wheelchairs and other devices in their daily lives, and I am advocating for all persons that rely on them to have a full and meaningful life. I have approached private businesses in the past for charging assistance and they have been unwilling to provide access to electrical outlets, presumably because of the cost for the utility services or room for my scooter to sit within their establishment while charging.

This link shows another city installed charging stations for wheelchairs and scooters

<https://www.sootoday.com/local-news/city-rolls-out-charging-stations-for-wheelchairs-mobility-scooters-1466430>

The cost for the project would be 30,000 is my estimated guess
I would be happy to provide suggestions on locating charging stations or answer any questions you may have.

Thank you,
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72 x 27 x 45 Scooter size.

