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COVINGTON’S FIRST ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION OPENS

Covington, WA – The first public electric vehicle (EV) charging station in Covington is now available for use at the newly expanded Covington Community Park located at 17649 SE 240th Street. The service is free during public park hours.

“The City of Covington is pleased to provide this station, complimenting adopted city goals such as the reduction of greenhouse gases in vehicle emissions,” said Parks and Recreation Director Ethan Newton. “It is exciting to open this station with the recent expansion of Covington Community Park and the upcoming National Drive Electric Week which is September 8-16, 2018.”

Plug-in electric vehicles typically enjoy immediate access to stations, with various network accounts pre-loaded into their system. A more casual user may gain access to the station by registering with a mobile device on site. Signing up at www.chargepoint.com/drivers/join will provide 24/7 driver support along with cloud-based services for charging stations across the region, including those requiring payment.

Covington’s 2-car EV location is the easternmost public station along Highway 18. To the west, Green River College and Boeing offer additional public stations, also part of the ChargePoint© network.



Covington Community Park’s recent expansion also includes new picnic shelters, a tennis

court, the Margaret Harto Pavilion for performances, a large playground, swings, zip lines, an exercise station, new restrooms, a concession building, additional parking, and more.

The Covington Community Park Phase 2 Project was funded by \$7,000,000 (80% of the project) from the WA Department of Commerce (The Taxpayers of Washington State); \$704,000 (8%) from the City of Covington; \$500,000 (6%) from the federal Land Water and Conservation Fund program; \$500,000 (6%) from the WA Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program; \$65,000 (1%) from King County; \$30,688 (<1%) from King Conservation District; and \$0 (0%) from nongovernmental sources.

More information on city park projects can be found online at www.covingtonwa.gov/parks.

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