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To: City Council

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Date: 12/17/2025

Re: Electrification Policy Development Timeline – 12/10/25 Council Work Session Direction

Below is the proposed timelines for the policy development approach timeline that the City Council directed staff pursue at a work session on December 10, 2025. This option involves the City Council making a decision regarding the fee level in the early part of 2026 and delegating policy decision recommendations to the joint committee focusing on fee exemptions, nonfinancial incentives, and financial incentives to encourage electrification.

This is an illustrative timelines to help the Council understand the timing and process, and the actual timeline may vary from this as new discussion topics, research, and/or policy topics evolve.

Schedule

January 7, 2026: Council adoption of resolution establishing Electrification Policy Joint Committee

February 11, 2026: Council Work Session – Fee Level

- Present data to the Council about potential fee levels and estimated number of households converting to electric, revenue generation potential, greenhouse gas reduction, impact of incentives, and electric grid impacts
- Council discussion regarding fee level
- Potential direction from Council establishing fee level

February 2026: Joint Committee Meeting #1

- Introduce project, background, committee charge
- Intro to each committee and their perspectives

- Introduce nonfinancial incentive recommendations from staff

March 2026: Joint committee meeting #2

- Feedback on nonfinancial incentives
- Other ideas on nonfinancial incentives
- Prep for Roundtable

March/April 2026: Public Roundtable on Nonfinancial Incentives

- Feedback and discussion on staff proposal for nonfinancial incentives from development community, labor, environmental community, and other stakeholders
- Other ideas and feedback on nonfinancial incentives

March/April 2026: Council Business Meeting – Resolution establishing fee

- *Council discussion and decision on establishing a fee*

April 2026: Joint committee meeting #3

- Report back from roundtable
- Discuss, finalize, and vote on recommendation for nonfinancial incentives

April/May 2026: Council Work Session

- Committee recommendation on nonfinancial incentives

May 2026: Council Business Meeting

- Council resolution(s) or ordinance(s) establishing nonfinancial incentive program

June 2026: Joint committee meeting #4

- Proposed fee structure
 - Explanation and background of fee calculation
- Introduce policy topics –exemptions, and how to spend the revenue (financial incentives)
- Introduce exemptions
 - Staff recommendations and committee ideas
- Prep for roundtable

July 2026: Public Roundtable on Exemptions

- Feedback on exemptions from staff and Joint Committee ideas
- New exemption ideas from roundtable participants

August 2026: Joint committee meeting #5

- Report back from the roundtable on exemptions
- Discuss, finalize and vote on exemptions

****September 2026: Council Work Session – Exemptions****

- Present to Council joint committee recommendations re: exemptions

September 2026: Joint committee meeting #6

- Introduce nonfinancial incentives
- Staff recommendations, feedback and new ideas from committee members
- Prep for roundtable

September/October 2026: Public Roundtable on Financial Incentives

- Staff recommendation about financial incentives revenue needs to support them
- Feedback and new ideas from roundtable participants on financial incentives

October 2026: Joint committee meeting #7

- Report back to Committee from roundtable discussions
- Discuss, finalize and vote on fee level and incentives

****October/November 2026: Council Work Session****

- Joint committee recommendation on nonfinancial incentives

****November/December 2026: Council Business Meeting****

- Resolution(s) establishing exemptions and nonfinancial incentive programs