

Electric Vehicle Charging



The City has worked with regional partners and state-wide programs to install electric vehicle charging stations in downtown. While most vehicle charging happens primarily at people's homes or businesses, public charging stations provide convenient charging for people visiting the downtown area.

An excellent resource for finding charging stations anywhere in the country is [PlugShare](#). PlugShare lists Public Stations, High Power Stations, Residential stations being shared, and stations currently in use. Register as a PlugShare member and have access to residential chargers around the country!

Blink Level 2 Charging Stations

In 2012, the City installed two Level 2 Blink charging stations in the public parking lot located at 500 First Street, which are part of a growing network of EV charging stations in the metro area and Oregon. The charging stations were installed at no-cost to the City as part of the [EV Project](#), a pilot program funded through the U.S. Department of Energy.

Blink Charging Station details:

- Charging time is limited to 2 hours. Demand at these stations can be heavy, so please be considerate of other users.
- Charging rates are \$0.39/kWh for Blink members, \$0.49/kWh for guests. Blink memberships are free and you can sign up on their [website](#).
- The charging stations do not accept cash or cards. You will need to obtain a one-time use code from Blink, either by using a QR code reader on your phone, or through [BlinkCode](#).
- Please report any errors or charging issues to [Jenny Slepian](#) ASAP
- There are over 100 Blink stations around the Portland metro area. Check out [BlinkMap](#) to find stations where you need them!

Level 1 PGE Pilot

In 2008, the City joined forces with [Portland General Electric](#) to install a Level 1 station at the northwest corner of A

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Avenue and 2nd Street to help develop and test the transportation infrastructure needed to support plug-in vehicles.

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Supporting Documents

 [Pembina Institue Municipal EV Charging Backgrounder](#)

Web Links

[The EV ProjectBlink Network Locator Map](#)

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