



# City of Philadelphia

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## Legislation Text

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Authorizing the Committee on Environment to hold hearings to investigate the feasibility of the City of Philadelphia's Office of Fleet Management to integrate electric vehicles into the City of Philadelphia's fleet of vehicles by 2015.

**WHEREAS**, The City of Philadelphia wishes to become the greenest City in America by 2015 and a leader in clean energy development and technology; and

**WHEREAS**, In November 2007, this Council passed Bill 070788 which provides for the designation of electric vehicle on-street parking spaces where only electric vehicles may be parked. This legislation allows homeowners who own an electric vehicle the option to apply for a designated "electric vehicle parking" space along the curbside of their property; and

**WHEREAS**, The over-reliance of America on foreign oil has become a growing and serious threat to the economic vitality and national security interest of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Automobile emissions are a major contributing factor to global warming and to smog in our cities, which threaten the health of our citizens and the sustainability of our planet; and

**WHEREAS**, The imbalance between gasoline resources and worldwide demand is escalating gasoline prices at an alarming rate and to levels that overburden commerce, hurt economic growth and cause serious hardship on our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, The transportation sector will ultimately move away from the use of petroleum and will transition to sustainable and non-polluting alternatives; and

**WHEREAS**, There is a great opportunity for electrifying the transportation sector through the use of electric vehicles, plug-in hybrid vehicles, and other non-polluting transportation alternatives; and

**WHEREAS**, According to J.D. Power and Associates, sales of hybrid-electric vehicles are expected to reach about 1.3 percent of an estimated 67 million light vehicle sales this year; and

**WHEREAS**, There will be substantial economic and environmental benefits of electric car manufacturing, technology and usage; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Philadelphia can maximize its benefits to the citizens of Philadelphia by providing avenues to encourage clean energy use; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA**, That the City Council hereby calls on the Committee on Environment to hold hearings to investigate the feasibility of the City of Philadelphia's Office of Fleet Management to integrate electric vehicles into the City of Philadelphia's fleet of vehicles by 2015.

