

# LA COUNTY PLANNING

## VEHICLE FUELING ORDINANCE SUMMARY

### Introduction

The draft Vehicle Fueling Ordinance amends Title 22 of the Los Angeles County Code to implement [SB 1418 Hydrogen-fueling stations: Expedited Review](#) and updates provisions related to vehicle fueling.

### Bill Overview

SB 1418

- Requires the County to adopt an ordinance that expedites and streamlines the permitting process for hydrogen-fueling stations by September 30, 2025.
- Requires administrative approval for electric vehicle charging stations.
- Requires administrative approval for hydrogen-fueling stations if:
  - The site is zoned industrial or commercial and does not contain residential units; or
  - The site was previously developed with a service station.
- Limits administrative appeals to the planning commission; and lastly
- Limits development standards and conditions to those that mitigate specific adverse impacts upon public health or safety. Such conditions must be kept to “the lowest cost possible”.

### Analysis

Title 22 lacks provisions for hydrogen fueling stations and electric vehicle charging stations. The VFO will amend Title 22 to be consistent with SB1418. Until VFO is adopted, an interpretation memo serves as an interim policy to be consistent with State Law.

### Ordinance Overview

The VFO implements the aforementioned provisions of SB1418 and:

- Adds definitions for:
  - Light Vehicle Maintenance
  - Vehicle Fueling Station (VFS)
  - Compressed Natural Gas Vehicle Fueling Station (CNGVFS)
  - Electric Fleet Charging Facility (EFCF)

- Electric Vehicle Fueling Station (EVFS)
- Gasoline Vehicle Fueling (GVFS)
- Hydrogen Vehicle Fueling (HVFS)
- Travel Centers
- Revises the name Automobile Service Station to Automobile Maintenance Shop.
- Revises the definition of automobile maintenance shop to clarify that these establishments provide light vehicle maintenance but not fueling.
- Requires a CUP for:
  - Gasoline fueling stations.
  - Automobile maintenance shops, CNGVFs, GVFSes, HVFSes and travel centers located in green zones.
  - CNGVFs and HVFS and Travel Centers located in High Fire Hazard Severity zones.
- Requires gasoline fueling equipment to be located at least 50 feet from sensitive uses.
- Applies existing operating regulations to vehicle fueling stations that sell alcoholic beverages for off-site consumption.

### **CEQA Determination**

According to the State's [Hydrogen Station Permitting Guidebook](#), the following categorical exemptions apply to the facilities:

- 15301 (Class 1) for Existing Facilities
- 15303 (Class 3) for Small Structures
- 15304 (Class 4) for Minor Alterations to Land

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