

New Energy Coming to Lexington

KU installs electric vehicle charging station in heart of downtown Lexington

(LEXINGTON, Ky.) — Lexington is known for its thriving businesses, hospitality – and now – its new energy tap for electric vehicle drivers.

Representatives from Kentucky Utilities Company were joined today by Mayor Jim Gray and community leaders to unveil the utility's new publicly available electric vehicle charging station, located in the 100 block of East High Street.

The charging station is among the first of 20 public stations KU and its sister Louisville Gas and Electric Company are installing across their service territories through a new Electric Vehicle Charging Station Program.

KU also operates, through the same program, a publicly accessible charging station in the customer parking lot at its general office on Quality Street.

"The unveiling of this charging station today represents one of many we'll be installing across our service territories," said David Freibert, vice president of External Affairs for KU and LG&E. "Building additional charging station infrastructure across Kentucky will help meet the growing needs of electric vehicle drivers and provide greater access to regional charging stations."

"Thanks to KU," said Gray. "There is a growing demand in our city for public charging stations for electric vehicles, and KU is stepping up to meet that demand."

Electric vehicle drivers who use the charging stations will pay an hourly fee. While exact fees and taxes will vary depending on the location of each station, the average rate is about \$3 per hour. The charging stations have an estimated power range of about 25 miles per hour of charging.

The stations include the latest safety features — like charging plugs that lock in the stand when not in use — and use digital display screens and quick-pay options for a low effort customer experience.

Through the utilities' program, commercial customers also can host electric vehicle charging stations at their locations for public or private use. Yum! Brands became the utilities' first commercial customer to host charging stations at its Louisville campus for its employees.

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