

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following as a general by-law and to insert it into the Code of the Town of Chatham, Massachusetts:

## **PROCUREMENT OF ELECTRIC VEHICLES**

### **1. Definitions.**

- a) Battery electric vehicle: a battery electric vehicle that draws propulsion energy solely from an on-board electric storage device during operation that is charged from an external source of electricity, as defined in Section 16(a) of Chapter 25A of Massachusetts General Laws.
- b) Conventional motor vehicle: any motor vehicle which is not an electric vehicle.
- c) Electric vehicle: any battery electric vehicle or plug-in hybrid electric vehicle, as defined in Section 16(a) of Chapter 25A of Massachusetts General Laws.
- d) Motor vehicle: Any vehicle included in the definition of motor vehicles, as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 90 of Massachusetts General Laws.
- e) Plug-in hybrid electric vehicle: a plug-in hybrid electric vehicle with an on-board electric energy storage device that can be recharged from an external source of electricity which also has the capability to run on another fuel, as defined in Section 16(a) of Chapter 25A of Massachusetts General Laws.

### **2. Requirements for procurement of motor vehicles by Town departments.**

- a) Priority for procurement of battery electric vehicles: Any Department of the Town which intends to procure a motor vehicle shall be required to select a battery electric vehicle unless the head of such Department certifies to the Town Administrator in writing that there is no commercially available battery electric vehicle capable of serving the functions required by such Department in the normal usage of such motor vehicle, and the Town Administrator approves such certification.
- b) Preference for procurement of plug-in hybrid electric vehicles: In the event that there is no commercially available battery electric vehicle that would be capable of serving the required functions, the Department shall procure a plug-in hybrid electric vehicle for such purposes unless the head of such Department includes in such certification the additional certification that there is no commercially available plug-in hybrid electric vehicle capable of serving the functions required by such Department in the normal usage of such motor vehicle, and the Town Administrator approves such additional certification.
- c) Exception for emergency procurement of motor vehicles: The Town Administrator may authorize the purchase of a conventional motor vehicle by a Department of the Town if he or she determines that an emergency exists which requires the immediate purchase of a motor vehicle by the Department and that it is not feasible to complete the procurement of an electric vehicle within the time frame required by such emergency .