

## **Climate Leader Community Zero-Emission Vehicle First Policy FAQs**

If the town of Montague moves from its current status as a Green Community to a Climate Leader Community, one requirement is that the town adopt a Zero-Emission Vehicle First policy to gradually phase out fossil fuel powered vehicles with cleaner, more climate friendly options. Because vehicle emissions represent a significant proportion of the town's greenhouse gas emissions, this is an important step.

### **The policy requires:**

- When a vehicle is identified for replacement, acquisitions of Zero Emissions Vehicles (ZEVs) must be prioritized.

- Acquisitions must adhere to the following vehicle efficiency hierarchy:

Priority 1: Battery Electric Vehicles (BEV), (and Fuel Cell EVs)

Priority 2: Plug in Hybrid EVs (PHEV)

Priority 3: Hybrid Electric Vehicles (HEV)

Priority 4: The most fuel-efficient internal combustion vehicle or vehicle that runs on alternative fuels, in accordance with requirements of the Green Communities Fuel Efficient Policy

\*The town will have to demonstrate that we have the necessary charging stations to service the vehicles.

<b>Targets</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2030</b>	<b>2040</b>	<b>2050</b>
Zero emission vehicles (ZEVs) in light-duty fleet adoption	5%	20%	50%	100%
Zero emission vehicles (ZEVs) in heavy-duty fleet adoption	0%	20%	50%	100%

### **Frequently Asked Questions:**

**What are we trying to do with this policy?** We're setting goals for the Town to gradually upgrade its vehicles to electric or zero-emission vehicles.

**Are DPW trucks and trucks with plows required to meet this policy?** No, not now but possibly in the future. If market demand continues, it is likely there will be options by 2050. If not, there will be many ways to make heavy trucks use diesel fuel in a more efficient manner.

**Are fire trucks and police cruisers exempt?** Yes, unless and until appropriate models are available.

**Will this be expensive?** Provided Montague achieves the Climate Leader Community designation, the town will be able to apply for grants that can help pay for new zero-emission municipal vehicles. MA also currently offers grants to cover up to 100% of municipal charging station & installation costs.