

**Press
Release****FRENCH GOVERNMENT MEASURES:
things are moving for electric vehicles**

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"Electric vehicles are the future of the motor industry", according to the secretary-general of the Groupe Interministériel Mobilités et Véhicules Electriques, Jacques St-Marc. A number of government measures have been taken in favour of electric vehicles. Here are the most significant.

Alteration of the highway code

Mayors may authorize electric vehicles to be parked free of charge, notably for residents, and in the restricted parking areas for working people. The mayors of Paris, La Rochelle and Nice have passed by-laws to that effect. Moreover, municipalities can authorize more convenient delivery hours to electric vehicles, and *a contrario*, bar big lorries from delivering goods, which is presently the case in La Rochelle. The result: less stress for delivery people, residents and motorists. Finally, the highway code has been amended: parking is prohibited in front of recharging stations like in front of petrol stations.

Alteration of the construction and housing code

The construction and housing code has also been modified. The main worry of an electric vehicle user is not to find a power point. The huge advantage of a power point inside a car park is that people can recharge their battery on the spot. Since 1996, the construction and housing code allows the possibility of putting power points in all new buildings. The co-ownership legislation has also evolved, a tenant or a landlord may ask the co-owners' permission to install a power point next to his electric vehicle. The co-ownership cannot refuse. The judge can even nullify a negative co-ownership decision if there is no valid reason. For its part, EDF charges a flat amount of 300 for installing a power point with an individual meter.

