

# Permitting Hydrogen Stations Scorecard:

All cities and counties, including charter cities, in California are required to comply with SB 1291.

	<b>Scoring Criteria:</b>	<b>Complete if:</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>1. Streamlining Ordinance</b> Ordinance creating an expedited, streamlined permitting process for hydrogen vehicle refueling stations.	Streamlining ordinance has been adopted
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>2. Permitting checklists posted on Website</b> Checklist of all requirements needed for expedited review posted on city or county website.	Permitting checklist is available and easily found on city or county website
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>3. Administrative approval of Hydrogen Station</b> Hydrogen station projects that meet expedited checklist are administratively approved through building or similar non-discretionary permit.	The streamlining ordinance states that permit applications that meet checklist requirements will be approved through non-discretionary permit (or similar)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>4. Approval limited to health and safety review</b> Hydrogen station project review limited to health and safety requirements found under local, state, and federal law.	The streamlining ordinance states that no discretionary use permit is required and permit approval will be limited to health and safety review
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>5. Electronic signatures accepted</b> AHJ accepts electronic signatures on permit applications.*	Electronic signatures accepted on City or County website (usually specified in the ordinance)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>6. Hydrogen Station not subject to association approval</b> Hydrogen station permit approval not subject to approval of an association (as defined in <a href="#">Section 4080 of the Civil Code</a> ).	The streamlining ordinance states that hydrogen permits do not require association approval
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>7. One complete deficiency notice</b> AHJ commits to issuing one complete written correction notice detailing all deficiencies in an incomplete application and any additional information needed to be eligible for expedited permit issuance.	The streamlining ordinance dictates that a written correction notices must detail all deficiencies

\*If a city or county determines it is unable to accept electronic signatures on all forms, the permit streamlining ordinance shall state the reasons.

### How scoring works:

Cities and counties that meet at least 6 of the first 7 checklist criteria will be highlighted as streamlined “Hydrogen Refueling Station Permit Ready” if the missing criteria does not have a negative impact in practice. Jurisdictions must have a checklist posted online (criteria 2) covering both residential and commercial projects in order to be considered streamlined “Hydrogen Station Permit Ready.” The checklist (criteria 2) cannot be considered the one missing criteria. All criteria must be verifiable in ordinances, checklists or hydrogen permitting webpages.

Grading is based on relevant ordinances, checklists, and stakeholder feedback. It is important to note that the intent of this tool is to assess permit streamlining from a holistic perspective. While SB 1291 guides the assessment; this effort is not intended to determine compliance with both laws.

### Hydrogen Permitting Score:

Green – City or County is hydrogen permitting streamlined
Yellow – City or County hydrogen is in progress permit streamlining or partially complete
Red – City or County is <b>not</b> streamlined for hydrogen permitting

### Role of GO-Biz:

The GO-Biz ZEV team’s goal is to help California jurisdictions streamline hydrogen fueling station permitting to support rapid growth of the ZEV market. We hope this map, and the discussions around it, will help connect resources and amplify best practices.

As the first step, GO-Biz will determine the streamlining status of each jurisdiction using the above checklist based on what we can find online and through stakeholder engagement. If you have information about a city or county that is not reflected in our map please email us ordinances, checklists, or other information.

On an ongoing basis, the GO-Biz ZEV team will verify evaluations based on stakeholder and industry feedback (in consultation with the subject city or county). Ultimately, the goal of this tool is to create a collective learning space to support cities, counties, and applicants as we all work towards permitting processes that work well for all parties.

We anticipate that the Hydrogen Fueling Station Permit Streamlining Map will evolve and improve through time with stakeholder participation and feedback. Please reach out to <https://gobiz.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/requests/new> for any questions, suggestions, or guidance.