

## NAPLES SQUARE ELECTRIC VEHICLE POLICY

The increasing prevalence of electric vehicles (EVs) has prompted companies and municipalities to develop policies addressing their storage and safety during hurricanes and floods, especially in light of incidents like the EV fire in Naples' 8th Street garage during Hurricane Milton. To proactively protect our building's structures, Naples Square is implementing the following policies for all EV vehicles as well as any vehicles that have lithium batteries. These policies will be implemented when a Hurricane/Flood Warning instruction has been issued. Hurricane/Flood warnings are issued 36 hours prior to the arrival of a storm.

### **1. Relocation of EVs and vehicles with lithium batteries:**

- Promptly move all vehicles out of the Naples Square building to higher ground when a Hurricane/Flood Warning has been issued. Relocate vehicles to elevated areas (such as a nearby parking garage upper floor) to minimize exposure to potential flooding.
- Avoid Flood-Prone Zones: Do not leave EVs in areas susceptible to flooding, such as underground garages or low-lying parking lots.

### **2. Parking Recommendations:**

- Maintain Safe Distance: If relocation to a garage area isn't feasible, park EVs at least 50 feet away from any buildings and other vehicles to reduce fire risks.

### **3. Charging Protocols:**

- Keep vehicles Unplugged During Storms: Ensure EVs are disconnected from any charging stations during storms to prevent electrical surges and potential hazards.

### **4. Post-Storm Actions:**

- Professional Inspection: After exposure to floodwaters, have EVs inspected by certified technicians before operating or charging them. If your EV has been exposed to flood waters do not move it inside any Naples Square building until inspected for battery damage.
- Monitor for Hazards: Be vigilant for signs of battery damage, such as smoke, unusual noises, or odors, and contact emergency services if these occur.