ORDINANCE NO. 2016 - 1774

ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS AND EXPEDITED BUILDING PERMIT PROCESS FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS

The Solano County Board of Supervisors ordains as follows:

Section 1. Section(s) 6.3-26 is added to read:

Sec. 6.3-26 Electric Vehicle Charging Stations
This Section shall apply to Electric Vehicle Charging Stations as defined below.

Sec. 6.3-26.010 Purpose
The purpose of this Section is to provide an expedited, streamlined building permit process that complies with State law in order to achieve timely and cost-effective installations of electric vehicle charging stations.

Sec. 6.3-26.020 Definitions
All terms used in this Section shall have the following definitions:

(a) "Electronic submittal" means submittal by any of the following means:

(1) Email.
(2) The Internet.
(3) Facsimile.

(b) "Electric Vehicle Charging Station" means all of the following:

Any level of electric vehicle supply equipment station that is designed and built in compliance with Article 625 of the California Electric Code, as it reads on the effective date of this section, and delivers electricity from outside an electric vehicle into a plug-in electric vehicle.

Sec. 6.3-26.030 Electric Vehicle Charging Station Requirements

(a) All Electric Vehicle Charging Stations shall meet applicable health and safety standards and requirements imposed by the state and the County.

(b) Electric Vehicle Charging Stations shall meet all applicable safety and performance standards established by the California Electrical Code, the Society of Automotive Engineers, the National Electrical Manufacturers Association, and accredited testing laboratories such as Underwriters Laboratories and, where applicable, rules of the Public Utilities Commission regarding safety and reliability.

Sec. 6.3-26.040 Application process

(a) All documents required for the submission of an expedited Electric Vehicle Charging Station building permit application shall be made available on the County website.

(b) Electronic submittal of the required building permit application and documents by email, or the Internet when in operation shall be made available to all Electric Vehicle Charging Station permit applicants.

(c) The Building Official shall adopt a checklist of all requirements with which Electric Vehicle Charging Stations shall comply to be eligible for expedited review.

(d) The Electric Vehicle Charging Stations permit process and checklist shall substantially conform to recommendations for expedited permitting, including the checklist contained in the most current version of the Plug-In Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Permitting Checklist of the "Zero-Emission Vehicles in California: Community Readiness Guidebook" adopted by the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research.

(e) The Building Official shall issue a building permit, the issuance of which is nondiscretionary, for complete applications that meet the requirements of the approved checklist and this Chapter.

(f) If an application is deemed incomplete, the Building Official shall issue a written correction notice to the applicant detailing all deficiencies in the application and any additional information or documentation or payment of fees required to be eligible for expedited permit issuance shall be sent to the applicant for resubmission.
(g) The Building Official may require an applicant to apply for a Use Permit if the official finds, based on substantial evidence, that the Electric Vehicle Charging Station could have a specific, adverse impact upon the public health and safety. Such decisions may be appealed to the County Planning Commission.

(h) If a Use Permit is required, the County may deny such application if it makes written findings based upon substantive evidence in the record that the proposed installation would have a specific, adverse impact upon public health or safety and there is no feasible method to satisfactorily mitigate or avoid the adverse impact. Such findings shall include the basis for the rejection of the potential feasible alternative for preventing the adverse impact. Such decisions may be appealed to the County Planning Commission.

(i) Any condition imposed on an application shall be designed to mitigate the specific, adverse impact upon health and safety at the lowest possible cost.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its adoption.

Section 3. A summary of this ordinance will be published within fifteen (15) days after its adoption in the Fairfield Daily Republic, a newspaper of general circulation in Solano County.

Passed and adopted by the Solano County Board of Supervisors at its regular meeting on September 13, 2016, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS: Seifert, Spering, Thomson, Vasquez

and Chairwoman Hannigan

NOES: SUPERVISORS: None.

EXCUSED: SUPERVISORS: None.

ERIN HANNIGAN, Chairwoman
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
BIRGITTA E. CORSELLO, Clerk
Solano County Board of Supervisors

By:  Jeanette Neiger, Chief Deputy Clerk

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