



Legislation Text

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Amending Chapter 63 of the Legislative Code pertaining to electric vehicle charging infrastructure in surface parking lots.

WHEREAS, on May 12, 2023 the Planning Commission passed Resolution 23-37 initiating a zoning study to consider amendments to the Zoning Code to establish a definition and zoning regulations for electric vehicle charging infrastructure and any other connected regulations contained in the Zoning Code; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing on July 7, 2023 regarding the potential amendments and held the record open for written comments through August 7, 2023; and

WHEREAS, in a memo dated November 9, 2023, the Comprehensive and Neighborhood Planning Committee submitted a report to the Planning Commission in which recommendations and a rationale for amending specific sections of the Zoning Code were set forth: and

WHEREAS, on December 8, 2023, the Planning Commission, based on the Comprehensive and Neighborhood Planning Committee's report and all the testimony received from the July 7, 2023 public hearing, duly submitted its recommendation to amend certain sections of the Zoning Code regarding electric vehicle charging infrastructure to the Mayor and City Council for its review and consideration; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing before the City Council having been duly conducted at which all interested parties were given an opportunity to be heard, and having considered all the testimony and recommendations concerning the proposed zoning text amendments, including the Planning Commission resolution and the Comprehensive and Neighborhood Planning Committee's memorandum and their rationale for the recommended Zoning Code amendments which the Council finds persuasive and thus hereby incorporates by reference into this ordinance for the specific purpose of articulating the Council's reasons and rationale for enacting the recommended amendments as set forth below in Section 1, in addition to any other reasons the Council might articulate on the record in adopting these amendments the Council, having considered all the facts and recommendations concerning the proposed zoning amendments and pursuant to the authority granted by and in accordance with the procedures set forth in Minnesota Statutes Sec. 462.357 states as follows:

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL DOES ORDAIN:

SECTION 1 Chapters 65 & 66 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code are hereby amended to read as follows:

Existing language to be deleted is shown by ~~strikeout~~. New language to be added is shown by underlining.

Chapter 63. Zoning Code-Regulations of General Applicability

ARTICLE II. 63.200. PARKING REQUIREMENTS

Sec. 63.212. ~~Reserved.~~ Electric vehicle parking.

For surface parking facilities with more than fifteen (15) parking spaces that require site plan review per Sec. 63.202, electric vehicles shall be accommodated as follows:

- (a) At ~~If intended to serve any use that includes a multifamily dwelling,~~ at least eighty (80) percent of the facility's parking spaces must have an electrical conduit or raceway connection to electrical service with sufficient panel space reserved that is capable of operating at Level 2 (208 Volts)

or greater power. If intended to serve uses that do not include a multifamily dwelling, at least twenty (20) percent of the facility's parking spaces must be served in this manner.

(b) Additionally, for surface parking facilities with more than thirty (30) spaces that require site plan review per Sec. 63.202, and that are intended to serve any use that includes a multifamily dwelling, at least one (1) of the spaces per each thirty (30) must be served by installed wiring in electrical conduit or raceway, and electrical service sufficient to supply electric vehicle charging at a minimum of 208 Volts power level. Such space may or may not include the associated above-ground charging equipment for charging an electric vehicle.

Conduit and raceway required above shall be installed in accordance with the Minnesota State Building Code and National Electrical Code, including with regard to sizing and location, and shall be capped. The amounts of electric vehicles parking infrastructure for structured parking shall be as directed by the Minnesota State Building Code.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from and after its passage, approval and publication.