

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**ORDINANCE NO.**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5, SECTION 2, SETTING FORTH PROCEDURES  
FOR EXPEDITING PERMIT PROCESSING FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING SYSTEMS  
(ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION PERMIT EXPEDITING ORDINANCE)**

**WHEREAS**, the State of California and the County of Lake has consistently promoted and encouraged the use of fuel-efficient electric vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of California adopted Assembly Bill 1236 (2015, Chiu), codified as Government Code (GC) Section 65850.7, which requires local agencies to adopt an ordinance establishing an expedited and streamlined permitting process for electric vehicle charging systems; and

**WHEREAS**, creation of an expedited, streamlined permitting process for electric vehicle charging stations would facilitate convenient charging of electric vehicles and help reduce the County's reliance on environmentally damaging fossil fuels.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LAKE  
DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section One: The above recitals are true and correct, and are incorporated herein by reference.

Section Two: This Ordinance shall be known as the County of Lake Electric Vehicle Charging Station Permit Expediting Ordinance. The terms, phrases, and words used in this Ordinance shall be construed in compliance with the definitions set forth by GC Section 65850.7.

Section Three: Chapter 5 Article 2, Section 5-9C of the County of Lake County Code is hereby added to read as follows:

Electric Vehicle Charging Stations which qualify for expedited permit processing, pursuant to Government Code Section 65850.7, shall be subject to the administrative permitting procedures set forth in the County's Electric Vehicle Charging Station Permit Expediting Ordinance.

## EXPEDITED REVIEW PROCESS

Consistent with Government Code Section 65850.7, the Building Official shall implement an expedited administrative permit review process for electric vehicle charging stations, and adopt a checklist of all requirements with which electric vehicle charging stations shall comply with in order to be eligible for expedited review. The expedited administrative permit review process and checklist may refer to the recommendations in the checklist prescribed by the most current version of the “Plug-In Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Permitting Checklist” of the “Zero-Emission Vehicles in California: Community Readiness Guidebook” published by the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research. The County’s adopted checklist shall be published on the County’s website.

## ELECTRONIC SUBMITTALS

Consistent with Government Code Section 65850.7, the Building Official shall allow for electronic submittal of permit applications covered by this Ordinance and associated supporting documentations. In accepting such permit applications, the Building Official shall also accept electronic signatures on all forms, applications, and other documentation in lieu of a wet signature by any applicant.

## ASSOCIATION APPROVAL

Consistent with Government Code Section 65850.7, the Building Official shall not condition the approval for any electric vehicle charging station permit on the approval of such a system by an association, as that term is defined by Civil Code Section 4080.

## PERMIT APPLICATION PROCESSING

A permit application that satisfies the information requirements in the County’s adopted checklist shall be deemed complete and be promptly processed. Upon confirmation by the Building Official that the permit application and supporting documents meets the requirements of the County adopted checklist, and is consistent with all applicable laws, the Building Official shall, consistent with Government Code Section 65850.7, approve the application and issue all necessary permits. Such approval does not authorize an applicant to energize

or utilize the electric vehicle charging station until approval is granted by the County. If the Building Official determines that the permit application is incomplete, he or she shall issue a written correction notice to the applicant, detailing all deficiencies in the application and any additional information required to be eligible for expedited permit issuance.

#### TECHNICAL REVIEW

It is the intent of this Ordinance to encourage the installation of electric vehicle charging stations by removing obstacles to permitting for charging stations so long as the action does not supersede the Building Official's authority to address higher priority life-safety situations. If the Building Official makes a finding based on substantial evidence that the electric vehicle charging station could have a specific adverse impact upon the public health or safety, as defined in Government Code 65850.7, the County may require the applicant to apply for a use permit.

Section Four: Any provision of the County of Lake County Code or appendices thereto, inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, to the extent of such inconsistencies and no further, are hereby repealed or modified to that extent necessary to effect the provisions of this Ordinance.

Section Five: This project is exempt under CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3) in that it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that these amendments of and additions to the Lake County Code will have a significant impact on the environment..

Section Six: This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its adoption and before the expiration of fifteen (15) days after its passage, it shall be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation printed and published in the County of Lake.

The foregoing Ordinance was introduced before the Board of Supervisors on the XX<sup>th</sup> day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 and passed by the following vote of the XX<sup>th</sup> day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING:

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Chair, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: SUSAN PARKER, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM: Anita Grant, County Counsel

By: \_\_\_\_\_