

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA
ESTABLISHING AND REGULATING PARKING SPACES FOR CHARGING
ELECTRIC VEHICLES**

WHEREAS, the Sparta Township Council desires to establish dedicated parking spaces on public property for installing charging stations for electric vehicles, and to establish the fee for charging electric vehicles;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Sparta that the following ordinance is hereby adopted establishing and regulating parking spaces for charging electric vehicles as follows:

Section 1. Definitions.

As used herein, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

Charging Station shall mean a location that is fitted with charging station equipment.

Charging Station Equipment shall mean the conductors, including ungrounded and grounded, and the electric vehicle connectors, attachment plugs, and all other fittings, devices, power outlets, charging status or apparatus installed specifically for the purpose of delivering electrical energy from the Charging Station to the electric vehicle.

Charging Station Space shall mean a dedicated, marked parking space that is fitted with charging station equipment and exclusively used for the charging of electric vehicles.

Electric Scooter and/or Electric Motorcycle shall mean a 2-wheel or 3-wheel electric vehicle that operates exclusively on electrical energy stored in the vehicle's batteries.

Electric Vehicle shall mean a vehicle that operates, either partially or exclusively on electrical energy from a Charging Station or other electrical energy source that is stored in the vehicle's battery for propulsion purposes. Electric vehicle includes: a battery electric vehicle; a plug-in hybrid electrical vehicle; a neighborhood electric vehicle; and electric scooters or electric motorcycles.

Neighborhood Electric Vehicle shall mean an electric vehicle that is a low-speed vehicle, built to have a top speed of twenty-five miles per hour and have a maximum loaded weight of 3,000 lb.

Non-Electric Vehicle shall mean a vehicle that does not meet the definition of "electric vehicle" as provided herein.

Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicle or PHEV shall mean an electric vehicle that: contains an internal combustion engine and also allows power to be delivered to drive wheels by an electric motor; charges its battery primarily by connecting to a charging station or other electrical source not on board the vehicle; may additionally be able to sustain a battery charge using an on-board internal-combustion-driven generator; and has the ability to be propelled through the use of electricity.

Section 2. The Township of Sparta has designated the following spaces:

Municipal Building Parking Lot – Two (2) Charging Station Spaces

Station Park Parking Lot – Two (2) Charging Station Spaces

Sparta Library Parking Lot – Two (2) Charging Station Spaces

Use of the Charging Station Spaces shall be limited and restricted as follows:

- (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to park or leave standing a vehicle in a stall or space that is designated as a Charging Station Space unless the vehicle is an Electric Vehicle as defined in this Ordinance and is connected for electric charging purposes; and
- (2) Non-electric vehicles are prohibited from parking in Charging Station Spaces; and
- (3) Electric Vehicles are authorized to park in spaces designated as Charging Station Spaces only during the time when the vehicles are connected for electric charging purposes or up to four (4) hours, whichever is less. When the vehicle is no longer charging, the owner or operator of the vehicle shall be required to remove the vehicle from the Charging Station Space. If the owner or operator of the vehicle allows his or her vehicle to remain in a Charging Station Space while the vehicle is no longer charging, then the owner or operator shall be in violation of this section.

Section 3. **Fee.** The fee for parking and charging an Electric Vehicle in a Charging Station Space is One Dollar and Fifty Cents (\$1.50) for the first two hours and Two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$2.50) for each hour thereafter.

Section 4. **Violations and penalties.** For each violation of this Ordinance, the violator shall be subject to such fines and other penalties as provided in Section 1-5 “General Penalties” of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Sparta. Repeat offenders shall be subject to additional fines and other penalties as provided in Section 1-5 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Sparta.

Section 5. **Severability.** If any provision of this ordinance or the application of this Ordinance to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 6. **Repealer.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances or resolutions inconsistent or in opposition to the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed in their entirety.

Section 7. **Effective date.** This ordinance shall take effect after its final passage and publication as required by law.

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that the above entitled ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Sparta on October 22, 2019, and will be considered for final passage after public hearing at a regular meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Sparta to be held on November 12, 2019, at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 65 Main Street, Sparta, New Jersey 07871.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA

KATHLEEN CHAMBERS, RMC
MUNICIPAL CLERK

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the above entitled ordinance was introduced and passed at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Sparta, held at the Municipal Building, 65 Main Street, Sparta, NJ on October 22, 2019. The same came up for final passage and adoption at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Sparta, to be held on November 12, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 65 Main Street, Sparta, NJ and after all persons present were given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same, it was finally passed and adopted and will be in full force in the Township according to law.

KATHLEEN CHAMBERS, RMC
MUNICIPAL CLERK