

ORDINANCE NO. 3286-25

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE REDONDO BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING CHAPTER 28 - ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS TO TITLE 9, TO PROVIDE AN EXPEDITED, STREAMLINED PERMITTING PROCESS FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 1236 imposes new requirements for cities, specifically adding Section 65850.7 to the Government Code, requiring cities to adopt by ordinance an expedited permitting process for electric vehicle charging stations; 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 City' s reliance on environmentally damaging fossil fuels; and,

WHEREAS, The Redondo Beach City Council seeks to implement Assembly Bill 1236 and further support State policy by adopting this ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Chapter 28, Electric Vehicle Charging Stations is hereby added to Title 9 of the Redondo Beach Municipal Code and shall read as follows:

“Chapter 28 ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS

9-28.01 Purpose.

The purpose of this chapter is to promote and encourage the use of electric vehicles by creating an expedited, streamlined permitting process for electric vehicle charging stations while promoting public health and safety and preventing specific adverse impacts in the installation and use of such charging stations.

9-28.02 Definitions.

For the purpose of this Article, words and terms used in this Article shall have the meanings set forth in this Section. Where terms are not defined in this Section and are defined elsewhere in this Code, or the Building Code, such terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them in such codes. The terns, phrases, and words used in this chapter shall be construed in compliance with the definitions set forth by California Government Code Section 65850. 7.

“Electric Vehicle Charging Station” means any level of electric vehicle supply equipment station that is designed and built-in compliance with article 625 of the

California Electrical Code and delivers electricity from a source outside an electric vehicle into a plug-in vehicle.

“Electronic Submittal” means the utilization of one or more of either electronic mail, the internet, or facsimile.

“Feasible Method to Satisfactorily Mitigate or Avoid the Specific Adverse Impact” includes, but is not limited to, any cost-effective method, condition or mitigation imposed by the City on another similarly situated application in a prior successful application for a similar permit.

“Specific Adverse Impact” means a significant, quantifiable, direct, and unavoidable impact, based on objective, identified, and written public health or safety standards, policies, or conditions as they existed on the date the application was deemed complete.

9-28.03 Applicability.

This chapter applies to the permitting of all electric vehicle charging systems in the City. Electric vehicle charging systems legally established or permitted prior to the effective date of this chapter are not subject to the requirements of this chapter unless physical modifications or alterations are undertaken that materially change the size, type, or components of an electric vehicle charging system in such a way as to require new permitting. Routine operation and maintenance or like-kind replacements shall not require a permit.

9-28.04 Electric Vehicle Charging System Requirements.

A. All electric vehicle charging systems shall meet the requirements of the California Electrical Code, the Society of Automotive Engineers, the National Electrical Manufacturers Association, and accredited testing laboratories such as Underwriters Laboratories, and rules of the Public Utilities Commission regarding safety and reliability.

B. Installation of electric vehicle charging stations shall be incorporated into the load calculations of all new or existing electrical services and shall meet the requirements of the California Electrical Code. Electric vehicle charging equipment shall be considered a continuous load.

C. Anchorage of either floor-mounted or wall-mounted electric vehicle charging stations shall meet the requirements of the California Building or Residential Code as applicable per occupancy, and the provisions of the manufacturer's installation instructions. Mounting of charging stations shall not adversely affect building elements.

9-28.05 Duties of The City's Chief Building Official.

A. All documents required for submission of an electric vehicle charging system application shall be made publicly available on the City's website.

B. The Chief Building Official shall make available to the public a checklist of all requirements with which electric vehicle charging systems shall comply to be eligible for expedited review.

C. The electric vehicle charging system permit process and checklist shall substantially conform to recommendations contained in the most current version of the Plug-In Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Permitting Checklist contained in the Zero-Emission Vehicles in California: Community Readiness Guidebook adopted by the Governor's Office of Planning and Research.

D. The Chief Building Official shall allow the electronic submittal of the electric vehicle charging station application.

9-28.06 Permit Review Requirements.

A. Review of the permit application shall be limited to the Chief Building Official's review of whether the application meets local, State and Federal health and safety requirements. The application shall be administratively reviewed by the Chief Building Official as a nondiscretionary permit.

B. The City shall not condition approval of an application on the approval of an association, as that term is defined by Civil Code section 4080.

C. An application for an electric vehicle charging station shall be deemed complete and the permit available for issuance, when the Chief Building Official determines that the application satisfies all the requirements found in the checklist.

D. If an application is deemed incomplete, a written plan check correction notice will be available to the applicant within ten (10) working days, detailing all deficiencies in the application and any additional information or documentation required to be eligible for expedited permit issuance shall be given to the applicant for resubmission.

E. The Chief Building Official, in consultation with the Community Development Director, may require an applicant to apply for a conditional use permit if the Chief Building Official finds, based on substantial evidence, that the electric vehicle charging station could have a specific, adverse impact upon the public health and safety. The Chief Building Official's decision to require a conditional use permit may be appealed by the applicant to the Planning Commission pursuant to Section 10-2.2506 of this code.

F. If a conditional use permit is required, the application for the conditional use permit may be denied if the Planning Commission makes written findings, based upon substantial evidence in the record, that the proposed installation would have a specific, adverse impact upon the public health or safety and there is no feasible method to

satisfactorily mitigate or avoid the specific, adverse impact. Such findings shall include the basis for the rejection of potential feasible alternatives for preventing the specific, adverse impact. Such decisions may be appealed to the City Council pursuant to Section 10-2.2506 of this code.”

SECTION 2. ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION. The City Council exercises its independent judgment and finds that this ordinance is exempt from environmental review. First, the ordinance involves updates and revisions to existing regulations, and it can be seen with certainty that the text amendments will have no significant negative effect on the environment, per CEQA Guidelines, Section 15061(b)(3). Second, this ordinance involves the potential installation of solar energy systems, which are exempt under Section 21080.35 of the Public Resources Code.

SECTION 3. INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS. Any provisions of the Redondo Beach Municipal Code, or appendices thereto, or any other ordinances of the City inconsistent herewith, to the extent of such inconsistencies and no further, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. SEVERANCE. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the Ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 5. PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall be published by one insertion in the official newspaper of said city, and same shall go into effect and be in full force and operation from and after thirty (30) days after its final passage and adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 14th day of January, 2025.

James A. Light, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ATTEST:

Michael W. Webb, City Attorney

Eleanor Manzano, CMC, City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) ss
CITY OF REDONDO BEACH)

I, Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk of the City of Redondo Beach, California, do hereby certify that Ordinance No. 3286-25 was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council held on the 7th day of January, 2025 and approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Redondo Beach, California, at a regular meeting of said City Council held on the 14th day of January, 2025, and there after signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk, and that said ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Eleanor Manzano, CMC
City Clerk