

ORDINANCE NUMBER 1828

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF AMADOR SETTING FORTH PROCEDURES FOR EXPEDITING PERMITTING PROCESSING FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING SYSTEMS

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Amador ordains as follows:

SECTION I. Recitals

WHEREAS, the State of California recently adopted Assembly Bill 1236, which requires local agencies to adopt an ordinance that creates 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.

SECTION II. Chapter 15.12 is hereby added to the Amador County Municipal Code as follows:

“Chapter 15.12

PERMITTING PROCESS FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING SYSTEMS

Sections:

- 15.12.010 Purpose**
- 15.12.020 Expedited Permitting Process**
- 15.12.030 Association Approval**
- 15.12.040 Permit Application Processing**
- 15.12.050 Technical Review**
- 15.12.060 Inconsistent Provisions Repealed**
- 15.12.010 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. This Chapter is also purposed to comply with California Government Code Section 65850.7.

15.12.020 Expedited Permitting Process

Consistent with Government Code Section 65850.7, the Building Official shall implement an expedited, streamlined permitting 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, streamlined permitting process and

checklist may refer to the recommendations 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" as published by the Governor's Office of Planning and Research. The County's adopted checklist shall be published on the County's website.

15.12.030 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.

15.12.040 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's 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.

15.12.050 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.

15.12.060 Inconsistent Provisions Repealed

Any provision of the Amador County Municipal 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 III. A summary of this ordinance shall be published within fifteen days after the date hereof in a newspaper of general circulation printed and published in the County of Amador, State of California, and shall become effective thirty days after the date hereof.

The foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors in the County of Amador at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 8th day of November, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: Richard M. Forster, Jeff Brown, Brian Oneto, Patrick Crew

NOES: None

ABSENT: Frank U. Axe


Richard M. Forster, Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
JENNIFER BURNS, Clerk of the
Board of Supervisors, Amador County,
California


Deputy