

ORDINANCE NO. 1294

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF GLENN AMENDING THE GLENN COUNTY CODE BY AMENDING
TITLE 15 TO ADD CHAPTER 15.265 RELATING TO EXPEDITED ELECTRICAL VEHICLE CHARGING
STATION PERMITTING**

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF GLENN ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: The Glenn County Code is hereby amended by adding Title 15, Chapter 15.265 to read in its entirety as follows:

Chapter 15.265

EXPEDITED ELECTRICAL VEHICLE CHARGING STATION PERMITTING

Sections:

- 15.265.010** *Chapter Purpose.*
- 15.265.020** *Definitions.*
- 15.265.030** *Expedited Permitting Process.*
- 15.265.040** *Permit Application Processing.*
- 15.265.050** *Technical Review.*
- 15.265.060** *Electric Vehicle Charging Station Installation Requirements.*

15.265.010 Chapter Purpose.

The purpose of this Chapter is to promote and encourage the use of electric vehicles by creating and expedited, streamlined permitting process for electric vehicle charging stations while promoting the public health and safety and preventing specific adverse impacts in the installation and use of such charging stations. The purpose is also to comply with California Government Code section 65850.7.

5.265.020 Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

A. "Electronic Submittal" means the utilization of one or more of the following:

1. Electronic mail or email;
2. The internet;
3. Facsimile; or
4. On-Line permitting system.

B. "Electric Vehicle Charging Station" or "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, as it reads on the

effective date of this Chapter, and delivers electricity from a source outside an electric vehicle into a plug-in electric vehicle.

C. "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 of the application was deemed complete.

15.265.030 Expedited Permitting 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 in order to be eligible for expedited review. The expedited administrative permit review 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.

15.265.040 Permit Application Processing.

A. Prior to submitting and application for processing, the applicant shall verify that the installation of an electric vehicle charging station will not have a specific, adverse impact to public health and safety and the building occupants. Verification by the applicant includes, but is not limited to:

1. Electrical system capacity and loads;
2. Electrical system wiring, bonding and overcurrent protection;
3. Building infrastructure affected by charging station equipment and associated conduits; and
4. Areas of charging station equipment and vehicle parking.

B. A permit application that satisfies the information requirements in the County's adopted checklist shall be deemed complete and shall be promptly processed. Upon confirmation by the building official that the permit application and supporting documents meets the requirements of the adopted checklist, and is consistent with all applicable laws and health and safety standards, 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 building official. 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 the issuance of an expedited administrative permit.

C. Consistent with Government Code section 65850.7, the building official shall allow for electronic submittal of permit applications covered by the Chapter and the associated supporting documents. 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.

15.265.050 Technical Review.

A. It is the intent of this Chapter to encourage the installation of electric vehicle charging stations by removing obstacles to permitting for charging stations provided that 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 this Chapter, the applicant may be required to apply for a use permit.

B. In the technical review of a charging station, consistent with Government Code section 65850.7, the building official shall not condition the approval of any electric vehicle charging station permit on the approval of such a system by an "association" which is defined in California Civil Code section 4080 as a nonprofit corporation or unincorporated association created for the purpose of managing a common interest development.

15.265.060 Electric Vehicle Charging Station Installation Requirements.

A. Electric Vehicle Charging Station equipment 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 or a Municipal Electric Utility Company regarding safety and reliability.

B. Installation of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations and associated wiring, bonding, disconnecting means and overcurrent protective devices shall meet the requirements of Article 625 and all applicable provisions of the California Electrical Code.

C. 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. Electrical vehicle charging equipment shall be considered a continuous load.

D. 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.

SECTION 2: Any provision of the Glenn 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 affect the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3: The Board of Supervisors hereby finds that this Ordinance is not subject to review under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA guidelines sections 15060, subdivision (c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15601, subdivision (b)(3) (there is no possibility the activity in question may have a significant impact on the environment). In addition to the forgoing general exemptions, the Board of Supervisors further finds that the Ordinance is categorically exempt from review under CEQA under the Class 8 Categorical Exemption (regulatory activity to assure the protection of the environment).

SECTION 4: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, portion, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof. The Board of Supervisors hereby declares that it would have passed this Chapter and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, portion, or phrase hereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared illegal, invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 5: This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after the date of its adoption and before the expiration of fifteen (15) days from the date of passage thereof shall be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation, in the County of Glenn, State of California, together with the names of the members of the Board of Supervisors voting for and against the same.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of December, 2020, by the Glenn County Board of Supervisors, State of California, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Barr, Minto, Viegas and McDaniel (Chair)

NOES: None

ABSENT: Supervisor Corum


COUNTY OF GLENN

By:  _____
Leigh McDaniel, Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
DI AULABAUGH

By:  _____
CLERK OF THE BOARD

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By:  _____
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