



# City of Philadelphia

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## **AN ORDINANCE**

Amending Title 9 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled “Regulation of Businesses, Trades and Professions” by adding a new Chapter creating requirements related to the operation and maintenance of electric vehicle charging stations installed at certain commercial and residential parcels, all under certain terms and conditions.

*THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:*

SECTION 1. Title 9 of the Philadelphia Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

### TITLE 9. REGULATION OF BUSINESSES, TRADES AND PROFESSIONS

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#### *CHAPTER 9-6300. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS*

##### *§ 9-6301. Definitions.*

*In this Chapter, the following definitions apply:*

(1) *Electric Vehicle Charger. A device which permits the transfer of electric energy to a battery or other storage device in an electric vehicle.*

(2) *Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure. The structures, machinery, and equipment that support or connect to an Electric Vehicles Charger, including components that permit the transfer of electricity to the Charger.*

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(3) *Non-operational.* The state of an electric vehicle charging station failing to dispense electricity when properly connected to an electric vehicle, regardless of the cause for the failure.

## § 9-6302. Electric Vehicle Chargers.

The following provisions shall apply only to installation of electric vehicle chargers and charging infrastructure at a commercial or residential parcel with ten or more parking spaces that is built or significantly upgraded after the effective date of this ordinance:

(1) *The Department of Licenses and Inspections shall make regulations governing the erection and maintenance of electric vehicle chargers and charging infrastructure, designed to ensure that all such electric vehicle chargers and charging infrastructure will be:*

(a) *structurally safe;*

(b) *consistent with public safety;*

(c) *in conformity with the general requirements of the Zoning Code, Housing Code, Building Code, Streets Department, Electrical Code and Fire Code; and*

(d) *properly installed and maintained and fully operational at commercial and residential parcels with ten or more parking spaces in connection with the development.*

(2) *Permits.* No person may install an electric vehicle charger within the City of Philadelphia unless that person obtains a permit from the Department of Licenses and Inspections for such a period of time as the Department may deem necessary and reasonable. No permit to install an electric vehicle charger shall be granted unless the permittee has demonstrated that it has in place a contract or service plan to ensure maintenance of the electric vehicle charger or chargers.

### (3) *Duties and Obligations*

(a) *A permittee shall, at the permittee's own cost or expense, maintain and perform all necessary repairs to the electric vehicle charger and charging infrastructure to ensure its safe operation.*

(b) *A permittee shall repair all damage resulting from the installation or following the installation of any such electric vehicle charger and charging infrastructure, including damage to the footway, base course and all other existing appurtenances.*

(c) *A permittee shall be responsible for mitigating all vandalism to electric vehicle chargers and charging infrastructure.*

### (4) *Removal*

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*(a) The Department of Licenses and Inspections may direct removal of an electric vehicle charger at any time for any of the following reasons:*

*(.1) The electric vehicle charger presents a safety hazard of any kind; or*

*(.2) The permittee has received more than three notices of violation for a non-operational charger pursuant to Section 9-6302(5).*

*(b) A permittee shall be responsible for promptly removing the electric vehicle charger and for restoring the area to its former condition upon:*

*(.1) the expiration and non-renewal of an electric vehicle charger permit;*

*(.2) the direction of the Department of Licenses and Inspections.*

*If a permittee fails to comply as directed, in addition to any other remedy authorized by this Chapter, the Department of Licenses and Inspections is authorized to abate the violation by removing the electric vehicle charger from the area and restoring the area to its original condition. The permittee shall be liable for the costs of such removal and restoration, including administrative costs, and the Law Department may take action to collect such costs by lien or any other method permitted by law.*

*(5) Enforcement.*

*(a) Whenever any electric vehicle charger or charging infrastructure is non-operational for more than 30 days or is installed, erected, or maintained in violation of the provisions of this Chapter or of the regulations promulgated hereunder, the Department of Licenses and Inspections shall serve a written notice of violation upon the violator, directing compliance within a reasonable period set by the Department.*

*(b) Fees and Penalties*

*(.1) The Department of Licenses and Inspections is authorized to charge a fee, as outlined in § 9-104, for all second and subsequent reinspections of business operations or activities regulated under this chapter.*

*(.2) In addition to any other sanctions or remedial procedure, the penalty for violation of any of the provisions of this Chapter shall be a fine of not more than three hundred dollars (\$300) for each offense, and an additional fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100) for each day the violation continues after the expiration of the time allowed for compliance.*

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SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect October 1, 2024.

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**Explanation:**

*Italics* indicate matter added.