Proposed Amended Ordinance No. 24 - 24

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An Ordinance to create Section 452.24, Electric Vehicle Charger Metered Parking, in order to provide for the placement and enforcement of metered parking for on-street electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

Whereas: The City is in the process of expanding public electric vehicle charging infrastructure, with the assistance of Greenback Grants that will cover infrastructure installation costs; and

Whereas: After many years of experience with public charging infrastructure, the City is opting for non-networked charging infrastructure due to the lower cost and higher reliability of the associated equipment; and

Whereas: Providing for a method to charge for the use of electric vehicle charging parking spaces via an enforceable parking meter code is the most efficient and effective means of collecting revenue to offset the costs associated with the provision of electricity to the vehicle chargers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Bexley, Ohio:

Section 1.

That Section 452.24 be created as follows:

452.24 ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGER METERED PARKING.

452.24(a) PURPOSE

Recognizing the importance of providing for high-quality and accessible electric vehicle charging infrastructure, this Section has been created in order to offset the costs associated with the installation, maintenance, and provision of electrical service to publicly accessible electrical vehicle charging stations.

452.24(b) DEFINITIONS

The following definitions shall apply to terms used in this chapter:

(i) "Electric Vehicle Charging Space" means a parking space located adjacent to an authorized electric vehicle charging station.

~~(ii) "Electric Vehicle Parking" means the standing of a vehicle that can be powered by an electric motor that draws electricity from a battery and is capable of being charged from an external source, whether occupied or not, otherwise than temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading, or in compliance with directions of a police officer or traffic control device.~~

~~(iii)~~(ii) "Individual Off-Street Parking Space" means a portion of the paved surface of the off-street parking lot approximately twenty (20) feet in length and nine (9) feet in width.

~~(iv)~~(iii) "Individual Street Parking Space" means a portion of the paved surface of the street approximately twenty (20) feet in length extending from the sidewalk curb into the street a sufficient distance to accommodate a vehicle when the same is parked parallel to the curb with the right wheels thereof not more than four (4) inches from such curb or on a one-way street where parking is permitted on the left side of the street, when a vehicle shall be parked parallel to the curb with the left wheels thereof not more than four (4) inches from such curb.

~~(v)~~(iv) "Meter Day" means any day that parking meters are enforced.

~~(vi) "Off-street parking lot" means any lot, piece, or parcel of land owned by the City and designated by the Mayor for the purpose of metered, time-regulated storing or parking of vehicles.~~

~~(vii)~~(v) "Parking Meter Signage" means signage which indicates thereon the length of time during which a vehicle may be parked in a particular place, which has information thereon for a means of paying for and tracking time remaining prior to the expiration of permitted parking.

~~(viii)~~(vi) "Vehicle" means any device in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported upon a public street, except such devices as are used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks and such devices as are propelled exclusively by human power. For the purposes of this Section, a “Vehicle” does not include e-bikes, or any vehicle with wheel diameters of less than 10”.

452.24(c) METER SPACES LIMITED TO VEHICLES ONLY

(i) Nothing shall be parked or stored in an individual street or off-street parking space where Parking Meter Signage is installed other than a Vehicle as defined in Section 452.24(b)(vi).

(ii) A violation of this section constitutes the commission of a parking infraction to be handled pursuant to and governed by the provisions of Chapters 408 and 410.

452.24(d) INSTALLATION OF METERS AT ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING SPACES

(i) The Mayor is authorized and directed to cause to be placed and installed any Parking Meter Signage in the vicinity of Individual Street or Off-Street Electric Vehicle Charging Spaces within the right-of-way or upon any City owner property.

452.24(e) ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

(i) The Mayor is authorized and directed to make, modify, change from time to time and promulgate such administrative rules as in the Mayor’s discretion shall be deemed necessary to effectuate the provisions of this chapter.

(ii) The Mayor is hereby authorized to establish, modify, and change from time to time, regulations which set forth the days of the week, hours of the day, and the intervals of time for which parking is permissible, and the amount of United States money required for parking in Electric Vehicle Charging Spaces so designated and marked as provided for in this Section, provided that the parking rates shall be calculated to, at a minimum, recapture costs associated with the provision of electricity to associated electric vehicle charging stations.

(iii) Such regulations shall be signed by the Mayor, filed with the clerk of council, and published on the City website.

452.24(f) DEPOSIT OF CURRENCY REQUIRED; OVERTIME PARKING

(i) Whenever a vehicle shall be parked in an individual street or off-street parking space where Parking Meter Signage has been installed, during the days of the week and during the hours of the day for which the Mayor has established regulations as provided for in Section 452.24(e), the person parking such vehicle shall immediately deposit or cause to be deposited the required amount of United States money via the City-administered payment system. Upon the deposit of such money, the parking space may be lawfully occupied by such vehicle during the period indicated on the City-administered payment system. Any vehicle which remains in an individual street or off-street parking space after the prescribed time for parking is determined to be illegally parked and in violation of the provisions of this chapter.

(ii) A violation of this section constitutes the commission of a parking infraction to be handled pursuant to and governed by the provisions of Chapters 408 and 410.

452.24(g) ILLEGAL PARKING

(i) All parking is prohibited in any individual street or off-street space where Parking Meter Signage is installed unless a deposit of the required amount of United States money is made as provided in this chapter. Any vehicle parked in contravention of this section shall be deemed to be illegally parked under the provisions of this chapter. The fact that the vehicle is in an individual street or off-street parking space where Parking Meter Signage is installed when the parking payment system for the same shows no parking permitted unless a deposit of the required payment is immediately made as herein provided shall be deemed prima-facie evidence of the unlawful parking of such vehicle by its owner.

(ii) A violation of this section constitutes the commission of a parking infraction to be handled pursuant to and governed by the provisions of Chapter 408 and 410.

452.24(h) DISTRIBUTION OF PARKING METER INCOME

(i) Parking meter revenue will go to the General Fund, in order to offset costs associated with the installation, maintenance, and provision of electric service to Electric Vehicle Charging Spaces.

Section 2.

That this Ordinance shall go into full force and effect at the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed _____, 2024

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Monique Lampke, President of Council

Attest: _____, 2024
Matthew McPeek, Clerk of Council

Approved: _____, 2024

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Benjamin Kessler, Mayor

First Reading: August 13, 2024
Second Reading:
Third Reading: