

LOCAL LAW NO. 3 of 2018

A Local Law known and cited as Establishing Electric Car Charging Regulations

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Ossining as follows:

SECTION 1. Purpose and Intent. The Town of Ossining seeks to promote greater public awareness of and engagement in sustainable practices. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (“DEC”) has identified the promotion of zero emission vehicles (“ZEV”) and electric vehicles (“EV”) and related infrastructure as a high-priority strategy for reducing greenhouse gas emissions. In a 2015 inventory of the Hudson Valley, the DEC determined that transportation accounted for 45% of all greenhouse gas emissions in the Region. The Town seeks to build local infrastructure to support the broader adoption of electric cars. Improving greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector was identified by Green Ossining in their Climate Action Plan as an immediate priority.

In 2017, the Town obtained a grant from the DEC to purchase, own and maintain three public, two-port ZEV/EV charging stations at Cedar Lane Park, Ryder Park and Louis Engel Park to support and promote the use of ZEV/EV during park hours and help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the community. The primary goal for this project is to reduce the Town’s greenhouse gas emissions and to help its government, businesses, residents, and organizations to reduce theirs as well. The secondary goal is to raise public awareness and encourage broader use of sustainable practices and technologies.

The electric car charging stations have been installed in the parking lots of the three parks and there are two parking spaces in each lot from which a car can access and utilize the charging stations. The Town Board wishes to implement regulations to ensure that the parking spaces from which the charging stations are accessible are utilized only by those vehicles that are using the charging stations to charge their car. To this end, the Town Board desires to amend Chapter 188 of the Town Code entitled Vehicles and Traffic to implement regulations governing parking in the designated electric car charging station parking spaces at Cedar Lane Park, Ryder Park and Louis Engel Park.

SECTION 2. A new section to Chapter 188 of the Town Code shall be added as Town Code § 188-10.1 entitled “Restrictions on Electric Car Charging Station Parking Spaces” and shall read as follows:

There is one public, two-port zero emission vehicle/electric vehicle (“ZEV/EV”) charging station in each of the parking lots of Cedar Lane Park, Ryder Park and Louis Engel Park. Each charging station is accessible via two adjacent parking spaces clearly identified with signage. These parking spaces are reserved solely for ZEVs/EVs that are using the charging stations to charge. Those ZEVs/EVs that use the charging station shall pay any applicable hourly fee as set forth in the current Town of Ossining fee schedule and shall vacate the parking space within 30 minutes of completion of charging. All other vehicles that are not ZEVs/EVs or are not using the charging station shall be prohibited from parking, standing or stopping in these spaces. In addition to all other remedies available to the Town under this Chapter and any other applicable

laws and regulations, the Town reserves the right to tow vehicles violating the provisions of this section at the vehicle owner's sole expense.

SECTION 3. Validity. The invalidity of any provision of this Local Law shall not affect the validity of any other portion of this Local Law which can be given effect without such invalid provision.

SECTION 4. Effective Date. This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the office of the Secretary of State, and is subject to review and renewal by resolution of the Town Board for an additional period of time, effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF
THE TOWN OF OSSINING

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