

**Township of Lawrence
County of Mercer**

Ordinance No. 2435-22

**AN ORDINANCE
AUTHORIZING AND ENCOURAGING
ELECTRIC VEHICLE
SUPPLY/SERVICE EQUIPMENT (EVSE) & MAKE-READY PARKING SPACES**

This Ordinance sets forth procedures for the installation of Electric Vehicle Supply/Service Equipment (EVSE) and Make-Ready parking spaces and establishes associated regulations and other standards within the Township of Lawrence, Mercer County.

WHEREAS, supporting the transition to electric vehicles contributes to the Township of Lawrence's commitment to sustainability and is in the best interest of public welfare; and

WHEREAS, installation of EVSE and Make-Ready parking spaces encourages electric vehicle adoption; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Lawrence encourages increased installation of EVSE and Make Ready parking spaces; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this ordinance supports the State of New Jersey's goals to reduce air pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector as outlined and supported by various programs related to NJ's 2019 Energy Master Plan, Global Warming Response Act (P.L.2007, c.112 (C.26:2C-37 et al.)), and EV Law (P.L. 2019, c. 362); and

WHEREAS, P.L. 2021, c.171, which Governor Murphy signed into law on July 9, 2021, requires EVSE and Make-Ready parking spaces be designated as a permitted accessory use in all zoning or use districts and establishes associated installation and parking requirements; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this ordinance will support the Master Plan of the Township of Lawrence adopted in concurrence with P.L. 1975 c. 291, s. 1 eff. Aug. 1, 1976, and is consistent with the Green Building and Environmental Sustainability Element of the Master Plan as well as general land use, circulation, and conservation elements of the Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the ordinance is to promote and encourage the use of electric vehicles by requiring the safe and efficient installation of EVSE and Make-Ready parking spaces through municipal parking regulations and other standards. EVSE and Make-Ready parking spaces will support the State's transition to an electric transportation sector, reducing automobile air pollution, greenhouse gas emissions, and storm water runoff contaminants. The goals are to:

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- 1. Provide adequate and convenient EVSE and Make-Ready parking spaces to serve the needs of the traveling public.**
- 2. Provide opportunities for residents to have safe and efficient personal EVSE located at or near their place of residence.**
- 3. Provide the opportunity for non-residential uses to supply EVSE to their customers and employees.**
- 4. Create standard criteria to encourage and promote safe, efficient, and cost-effective electric vehicle charging opportunities in all zones and settings for convenience of service to those that use electric vehicles.**

WHEREAS, the Township of Lawrence encourages greater ownership and use of electric vehicles, thus the Township of Lawrence is amending the Land Use Ordinance Section 530.C.5 in accordance with P.L. 2021 c.171 to establish standards and regulations for the safe and efficient installation of EVSE and Make-Ready parking spaces at appropriate locations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. Article V. Performance and Design Standards, Section 530.C. Parking, Loading Areas and Driveways is amended and supplemented as follows:

5. [Electric vehicle parking, Ord. 2351-19, 12/17/19. The number of required electric vehicle (EV) parking spaces for industrial, commercial, institutional (excepting religious uses), multi-family and townhouse residential uses shall be as follows:

Required minimum number Of parking spaces	Required number Of EV parking spaces
0-49	0
50 to 99	1
100+	2, plus 1 for each additional 100 stalls

5. Electric vehicle supply/service equipment (EVSE), parking spaces and make-ready parking spaces shall be provided in accordance with P.L. 2021, c.171 (c.40:55D-66 et al) and the State model ordinance as amended and supplemented. The Zoning Officer is authorized to review applications and enforce the ordinances in accordance with the Administrative Code.

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Section 2. Repealer

All other ordinances or parts of ordinances adopted prior to the date of this ordinance that are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance, are hereby repealed insofar as they relate to or concern the Electric Vehicle Supply / Service Equipment and Make-ready parking Spaces.

Section 3. Severability

If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance shall be declared invalid for any reason, the remaining portions of said ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after passage.

Adopted: December 6, 2022

RECORD OF VOTE

COUNCIL	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT	ABSTAIN	MOVE	SECOND
Mr. Bobbitt	X						
Mr. Kownacki	X						
Ms. Lewis	X					X	
Mr. Powers	X						X
Mayor Ryan	X						