# AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING CHAPTER 7, FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION, ARTICLE VI, PROHIBITION OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) CHARGING STATIONS IN UNDERGROUND PARKING GARAGES

## Section 7-84. Reference.

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4b-77(c) and Milford Zoning Regulations, Article V, §5.1.10.9, any new commercial, mixed-use, or residential building or project requiring thirty (30) or more parking spaces shall provide level two (2) or direct current fast charging stations in the amount of at least ten percent (10%) of those parking spaces.

## Section 7-85. Purpose and Intent.

The purpose of this Article VI is to prohibit the installation and operation of Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations within Underground Parking Garages within the City of Milford. This measure is taken to address potential safety and infrastructure concerns associated with the installation of such charging stations in underground facilities.

#### Section 7-86. Definitions.

Electric Vehicle (EV): A vehicle that uses one or more electric motors or traction motors for propulsion.

**Underground Parking Garage:** A structure or facility constructed below the ground level for the parking and storage of vehicles.

## Section 7-87. Prohibition.

(a) Except as set forth in Section 7-87(b) below, it shall be unlawful for any person, organization, or entity to install, operate, or maintain an Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station within any underground parking garage located within the boundaries of the City of Milford.

(b) Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations installed within any underground parking garage prior to the effective date of this Article VI shall be permitted to remain in use until such charging station requires replacement, at which time such charging station shall be removed.

## Section 7-88. Penalties.

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Article VI shall be fined not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) per day for the first thirty (30) days from written offense, and not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per day thereafter until the Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station has been removed from the Underground Parking Garage. Each Electric Vehicle (EV) Charing Station shall constitute a separate offense for which fines may be imposed.

Dated at Milford, CT this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024 Attest: Karen Fortunati, City Clerk