

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Brendan P. Crighton

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to permitting of electric vehicle charging stations.

PETITION OF:

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Third Essex

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act relative to permitting of electric vehicle charging stations.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. By no later than twelve months following enactment of this legislation,
2 each local unit of government shall adopt a land use ordinance or bylaws that:

3 (1) create an expedited, streamlined permitting process for electric vehicle charging
4 stations, including electric vehicle charging stations installed in the public right-of-way, with
5 binding timeline for the review and approval of permit applications not to exceed thirty days;

6 (2) classify all levels of electric vehicle charging stations as permitted accessory and
7 primary use in all zoning districts;

8 (3) address electric vehicle charging in parking minimum requirements, specifically that
9 a parking space served by an electric vehicle charging station or any parking spaces used to site
10 electric vehicle charging equipment must be counted as at least one standard automobile parking
11 space and that any van-accessible parking space shall count as at least two standard automobile
12 parking spaces for the purpose of complying with any applicable minimum parking
13 requirements;

14 (4) specify that review of applications to install electric vehicle charging stations,
15 including electric vehicle charging stations installed in the public right-of-way, shall be limited
16 to the building official's review of whether the installation meets all health and safety
17 requirements under local, state, and federal law and shall be administratively approved through
18 the issuance of a building permit or similar nondiscretionary permit.

19 SECTION 2. The department of energy resources and Massachusetts department of
20 transportation, in consultation with the appropriate and affected parties, by no later than six
21 months following enactment of this legislation, shall develop and publish a model land use
22 ordinance that local governments may elect to adopt. Upon completion, the department of energy
23 resources and Massachusetts department of transportation must post the model ordinance to the
24 department's internet website and notify local units of government of its availability.

25 The department of energy resources and Massachusetts department of transportation may
26 periodically publish amendments to the model ordinance to reflect increased electric vehicle
27 adoption and technological advances in the state. Any update shall not require a rulemaking
28 process. Upon completion of any amendment, the department of energy resources and
29 Massachusetts department of transportation must post the updated model ordinance to the
30 department's internet website and notify local units of government of the amendments.