An Ordinance to amend the Chapter 22 of the Code of Ordinances entitled Traffic and Motor Vehicles to provide regulations for the use of electric vehicle charging stations and parking spaces located in public parking areas and private parking areas open to the public.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WEST BLOOMFIELD ORDAINS:

Section 1 of Ordinance

Chapter 22, Article III, Section 22-26 of the West Bloomfield Charter Township Code is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 22-26. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this section:

Charging. When an electric vehicle is parked at an electric vehicle charging station and is connected to the charging station equipment.

Electric vehicle. Any motor vehicle that is licensed and registered for operation on a public or private highway, road, or street that relies either partially or exclusively on electrical energy from a grid, or an off-board source that is stored on-board via a battery for motive purpose. Electric vehicle includes battery electric vehicles and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles.

Electric vehicle charging station. A parking space that is served by battery charging equipment that has as its primary purpose the transfer of electric energy, by conductive or inductive means, to a battery or other energy storage device in an electric vehicle.

Electric vehicle parking space. A parking space that is designated and marked for the parking of electric vehicles only.

Non-electric vehicle. Any motor vehicle that does not meet the definition of electric vehicle.

Public parking area. A publicly owned parking area or structure.

Private parking area. A privately owned parking area or structure available for used by the public and approved for enforcement pursuant to this Article.
Parking area means an area used by the public as a means of access to and egress from, and for the free parking of motor vehicles by patrons of a shopping center, business, factory, hospital, institution of similar building or location.

Private road means every road not open for the use of the public for purposes of vehicular traffic.

Shopping center means a minimum area of three (3) acres of land on which there is located one (1) or more stores or business establishments, and where there is provided a parking area.

Section 2 of Ordinance

Chapter 22, Article III, Section 22-34, Reserved, of the West Bloomfield Charter Township Code is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 22-34. Use of electric vehicle charging stations.
  a) Use limited. Use of an electric vehicle charging station or electric vehicle parking space located in a public parking area or private parking area, as defined herein, for the charging of an electric vehicle shall be limited to the maximum time specified on the sign as specified in the traffic control order.

  b) Non-electric vehicle prohibited. Stopping, standing, or parking of a non-electric vehicle in a space designated as an electric vehicle charging station or electric vehicle parking space, located in a public parking area or private parking area, as defined herein, is prohibited.

  c) Charging. Stopping, standing or parking of an electric vehicle that is not charging in a space designated as an electric vehicle charging station or electric vehicle parking space, located in a public parking area or private parking area, as defined herein, is prohibited.

  d) Sign required. Any parking space located in a public parking area or private parking area, as defined herein, that is designated as an electric vehicle charging station or electric vehicle parking space shall have a sign posted which includes: Electric Vehicle Charging only; must specify the maximum charging time allowed; and parking of non-electric vehicles prohibited.

  e) Penalty. The violation of any provision of this Section is a civil infraction.

Section 3 of Ordinance

Should any section, subdivision, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance, be declared by the Courts to be invalid, it shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Ordinance or any part other than the part invalidated.

Section 4 of Ordinance
This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon publication.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that this Ordinance was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of West Bloomfield at a meeting duly called and held on January 28, 2013.

January 28, 2013
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Date

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WEST BLOOMFIELD

By: ____________________________
Catherine Shaughnessy, Clerk

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