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**LEGAL NOTICE  
ZONING BOARD – CITY OF STAMFORD**

**Application 224-23** – Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of the City of Stamford, CT, at its regular meeting held on Monday, September 30, 2024, **APPROVED AS MODIFIED** the application of Volta Charging LLC for a Text Change to the Stamford Zoning Regulations to amend Section 12.L. by adding a new subsection 12.L.3 to add standards for charging stations with electronic displays.

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**PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENT**

**SEPTEMBER 30 2024**

**Amend Section 12.L of the City of Stamford, CT Zoning Regulations  
by adding a new Subsection 12.L.3, to add standards for charging  
stations with electronic screens as follows:**

**12.L.3 Charging Stations with Electronic Displays**

- a. The intent of this Section is to permit in commercial areas Charging Stations that are equipped with internally illuminated electronic screens on one or both sides in order to facilitate access to subsidized charging through supported content, in furtherance of federal and state policies to expand EV charging networks and develop zero emissions transportation infrastructure.
- b. (i) Serving Commercial Uses: Charging stations equipped with internally illuminated electronic screens on one or both sides of the charging stations shall be permitted as an accessory use as-of-right in the B-D, C-D, C-N, C-B, C-L, C-G, C-C, C-I, CSC-D, IP-D, HT-D, M-D, M-L, and M-G Zoning Districts.  
(ii) Serving Residential Uses: Charging stations equipped with internally illuminated electronic screens shall be permitted as an accessory use as-of-right in any zoning district, only when located inside Parking Structures serving residences and that are not visible to the public and which are not located in outdoor surface-level Parking Lots.
- c. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 12.L.2(g) above, electronic screens on charging stations shall be exempt

from the Sign Regulations provided in Section 13.  
d. Charging stations with internally illuminated electronic screens are subject to the following restrictions.

- (1) Such stations all be located within a Parking Facility serving a commercial use, or in a Parking Structure serving a residential use, and no more than four charging stations shall be permitted per 100 parking spaces;
- (2) Such stations shall be setback a minimum of 50 feet from any residential use, property line or public right of way;
- (3) Such stations shall be no larger than 8 feet tall and 4 feet wide;
- (4) The electronic screens on either face of the charging station shall not exceed 9 square feet in area;
- (5) The electronic screens shall have content refresh rates of no less than every eight (8) seconds;
- (6) The images and messages shown on the internally illuminated electronic screens shall be static and shall not contain any audio effects;
- (7) The images and messages shown on the electronic screens may contain advertisements for off-site activities, uses, and/or businesses, but not for those that appeal to obscene materials or performances as regulated under the Connecticut General Statutes;
- (8) The electronic screens shall utilize automatic dimming technology, as certified by the manufacturer, and displays shall not be so bright as to cause undue glare during any time of day or night;
- (9) The hours of operation for the displays shall coincide with the underlying land use's hours of operation, if any, for the principal use to which the station is accessory;
- (10) No electronic screen shall be of such intensity or brilliance as to impair the vision of a motor vehicle driver or to otherwise interfere with the driver's operation of a motor vehicle or to distract a motor vehicle driver;
- (11) Such stations and associated equipment, including but not limited to protective bollards, shall not encroach into the

- minimum dimensions for parking spaces as required under Section 12.A.1; and
- (12) An applicant for such stations equipped with internally illuminated electronic screens shall, prior to installation, submit a decommissioning plan to Land Use Bureau staff and subject to their approval, to be implemented upon abandonment, and/or in conjunction with removal from the facility. The decommissioning plan shall include a narrative description of the activities to be accomplished for removal of EV Charging Station components, structures, and equipment.

Effective date of this Decision: October 14, 2024

ATTEST: DAVID STEIN  
CHAIRMAN, ZONING BOARD  
CITY OF STAMFORD, CT

Dated at the City of Stamford, CT, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2024