

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 206-6.1 (“RESTRICTED PARKING IN ELECTRIC VEHICLE DESIGNATED LOCATIONS”) IN THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, IN CHAPTER 206 (“VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”) TO SET ENFORCEMENT MEASURES FOR THE IMPROPER USAGE OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS OPERATED ON TOWNSHIP PROPERTY**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Bridgewater has installed two (2) dual port charging stations for electric vehicles at the Bridgewater Township Municipal Complex and at the Somerset County Library System, Bridgewater Branch; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 206, Section 206-6.1 of the Township Municipal Code prohibits motor vehicles from parking or standing in any space designated for electric vehicle charging unless same is an electric vehicle; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bridgewater Township Police Department maintains the authority to direct and enforce vehicular traffic in accordance with Chapter 4, Section 4-82 of the Township Municipal Code and to issue summonses for violations of any provision of applicable state law, municipal ordinance or regulation as to the parking of vehicles within the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council of the Township of Bridgewater seeks to amend Section 206-6.1 to provide the police department with authority to enforce and issue citations to violators of this section;

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Bridgewater in the County of Somerset and State of New Jersey that Chapter 206 of the Municipal Code of the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic,” Section 206-6.1 entitled “Restricted parking in electric vehicle designated locations,” be and is hereby amended and shall read as follows:

**Section I**

Section 206-6.1 is hereby amended and shall read as follows (strikethrough text shall be deleted, bold and underline text shall be added):

**A.** No operator of a motor vehicle shall stand or park the vehicle in any space designated for electric vehicle charging located on public property, unless the vehicle is an electric vehicle equipped to use the electric vehicle charging infrastructure located therein. Any motor vehicle standing or parking in any space designated for electric vehicle charging located on public property shall only remain in such space for such time as necessary to use the electric vehicle charging infrastructure located therein.

**B. Use of electric vehicle parking spaces and charging stations shall be enforced by any Township police officer in accordance with this section. Violators of this section may be issued a fine of \$50 and the vehicle may be towed to an impoundment lot at the owner’s expense and stored at the owner’s expense.**

**C. The department of engineering is hereby authorized to install appropriate signs regarding parking spaces for the exclusive use of recharging electric vehicles. Signs designating recharging electric vehicle parking shall indicate that unauthorized or improperly parked vehicles may be towed at the owner's expense and the driver may be fined \$50.**

**Section II**

All ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**Section III**

If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to this section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision and the remainder of this Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

**Section IV**

This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication in the manner required by New Jersey general law but, in no event, less than 20 days after its final passage by the Township Council and approval by the Mayor, where such approval is required pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-181(b).

Adopted: May 18, 2020

Effective: June 8, 2020