ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MORENO VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 8 (BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION) OF THE MORENO VALLEY MUNICIPAL CODE.

WHEREAS, the City of Moreno Valley ("City") is a general law city and a municipal corporation of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted the City by Article XI, Section 7 of the California Constitution, the City has the police power to adopt regulations designed to promote the public convenience or the general prosperity, as well as regulations designed to promote the public health, morals and/or safety; and

WHEREAS, the proposed revisions address Electric Vehicle Charging and Hydrogen Fueling Station Review Process; and

WHEREAS, staff has determined that the amendments are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines in that the amendments involve general policy and procedure making, and it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the amendments will have a significant effect on the environment; and

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2025, a duly noticed public hearing was conducted by the City Council at which time all interested persons were provided an opportunity to testify and to present evidence.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MORENO VALLEY DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. RECITALS

That the above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein as though set forth at length herein.

Section 2. AUTHORITY

That this Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authority granted by Article XI, Section 7 of the Constitution of the State of California and California Government Code Section 37100, and it is not intended to be duplicative of state law, or be preempted by state legislation.

<u>Section 3.</u> AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 8.42 (ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING AND HYDROGEN FUELING STATION REVIEW PROCESS)

Chapter 8.42 (Electric Vehicle Charging and Hydrogen Fueling Station Review Process) of Title 8 (Building and Construction) is hereby amended as set forth in Exhibit A.

Section 4. CEQA COMPLIANCE

That the proposed ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines in that the amendments involve general policy and procedure making, and it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the amendments will have a significant effect on the environment.

Section 5. SEVERABILITY

That the City Council declares that, should any provision, section, paragraph, sentence or word of this Ordinance be rendered or declared invalid by any final court action in a court of competent jurisdiction or by reason of any preemptive legislation, the remaining provisions, sections, paragraphs, sentences or words of this ordinance as hereby adopted shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 6. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS

That all the provisions of the Municipal Code as heretofore adopted by the City of Moreno Valley that are in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 7. EFFECTIVE DATE

That this Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its second reading.

Section 8. CERTIFICATION

That the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Ordinance, enter the same in the book for original ordinances of the City, and make a minute of passage and adoption thereof in the records of the proceedings of the City Council, in the minutes of the meeting at which this Ordinance is passed and adopted.

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INTRODUCED at a regular meeting of the City Council on ____, ___, and PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED by the City Council on _____, ___, by the following vote:

Ulises Cabrera, Mayor City of Moreno Valley

ATTEST:

M. Patricia Rodriguez, City Clerk, CMC

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Steven B. Quintanilla, City Attorney

ORDINANCE JURAT

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)	
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE)	
ss. CITY OF MORENO VALLEY	

I, ______, City Clerk of the City of Moreno Valley, California, do hereby certify that Ordinance No. <u>2025</u> - XX was duly and regularly adopted by the City Council of the City of Moreno Valley at a regular meeting thereof held on the ______ day of _____, <u>2025</u>, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

(Council Members, Mayor Pro Tem and

Mayor)

)

CITY CLERK

(SEAL)

CHAPTER 8.42 ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING AND HYDROGEN-FUELING STATION REVIEW PROCESS

8.42.010. Purpose.

The purpose of this chapter is to establish an expedited permitting procedure for electric vehicle charging and hydrogen-fueling station systems to assist with timely and cost-effective installations. (Ord. 913 § 1, 2016)

8.42.020. Definitions.

The following definitions shall govern all terms of this chapter and shall supersede any term otherwise defined in this chapter:

"Electronic submittal" means the utilization of one or more of the following:

- 1. Electronic mail or email;
- 2. The Internet;
- 3. Facsimile.

"Electric vehicle charging station or charging station" means any level of vehicle supply equipment station that is designed and built in compliance with Article 625 of the California Electrical Code, as it reads on January 1, 2016, and delivers electricity from a source outside an electric vehicle into a plug-in electric vehicle.

"Hydrogen-fueling station" means the equipment and structural design components necessary to ensure the safety of the fueling station, including hydrogen-refueling canopies, that are used to store and dispense hydrogen fuel to vehicles according to industry codes and standards that are open to the public.

8.42.030. Duties of the building safety division and building official.

- A. All documents required for the submission of an expedited electric vehicle charging and/or hydrogen-fueling station application shall be made available on the city's Internet website.
- B. Electronic submittal of the required permit application and documents by email shall be made available to all electric vehicle charging and hydrogen-fueling station permit applicants.
- C. The electronic signature of an applicant, engineer, architect, or contractor shall be accepted on all forms, applications, and other documents in lieu of a wet signature.
- D. The building and safety division shall develop a checklist of all requirements that electric vehicle charging and hydrogen-fueling stations must comply with to be eligible for expedited review.

8.42.040. Application, permit, and inspection requirements.

A. Applicant shall verify the electric vehicle charging station meets all applicable safety and performance standards established by the California Electrical Code, the Society of Automotive Engineers, the National Electrical Manufacturers Association, and accredited testing laboratories such as Underwriters Laboratories and, where applicable, rules of the

Public Utilities Commission regarding safety and reliability, or rules of the Department of Food and Agriculture regarding safety, reliability, weights, and measures.

- B. Applicant shall verify the and hydrogen-fueling station meets all of the following, as applicable:
 - 1. Safety and performance standards established by the Society of Automotive Engineers and accredited nationally recognized testing laboratories.
 - 2. All applicable state laws and regulations pertaining to hydrogen fueling, including any rules established by the State Air Resources Board, Energy Commission, or Department of Food and Agriculture regarding safety, reliability, weights, and measures.
 - 3. Guidance established by the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development, as outlined in the Hydrogen Station Permitting Guidebook
- C. For a project complying with the checklist for either an electric vehicle charging station and/or hydrogen-fueling station, the applicant may submit the permit application and associated documentation to the city's building safety division by personal, mailed, or electronic submittal.
- D. An application that satisfies the information requirements in the checklist, as determined by the building official, shall be deemed complete. Upon receipt of an incomplete application, the building official shall issue a written correction notice detailing all deficiencies in the application and any additional information required to be eligible for expedited permit issuance.
- E. Upon confirmation by the building official of the application and supporting documentation being complete and meeting the requirement of <u>either</u> checklist, the building official shall administratively approve the application and issue all required permits or authorizations. Such approval shall not include any necessary approval or permission by a local utility provider to connect the electric vehicle charging station to the provider's electricity grid. The applicant is responsible for obtaining such approval or permission from the local utility provider.