ORDINANCE NUMBER ___ PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 231, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, BY ADDING ARTICLE X, ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS IN CITY-OWNED GARAGES AND SURFACE LOTS

WHEREAS, several City-owned garages and surface lots contain publicly available charging stations for plug-in electric and hybrid-electric vehicles; and

WHEREAS, there are currently no regulations concerning the use of such charging stations, including an limit on the amount of time a vehicle may be parked at a charging station; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is in the best interest of the City that there be regulations regarding the use of publicly available electric vehicle charging stations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT: Chapter 231, Vehicles and Traffic, Article X, Electric Vehicle Charging Stations in City-owned Garages and Surface Lots, is hereby adopted:

ARTICLE X, ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS IN CITY-OWNED GARAGES AND SURFACE LOTS

Sec. 231-74. Adoption of Rules and Regulations.

Subject to the approval of the Board of Representatives, the Director of Operations is authorized to establish and amend written regulations regarding the use of electric vehicle charging stations in City-owned garages and surface lots.

231-75. Definitions.

As used in this article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated.

<u>Battery</u>. An electrochemical energy storage system powered directly by electrical current.

<u>Electric vehicle</u>. A vehicle that uses a plug-in battery to provide all or part of the motive power of the vehicle, including battery electric, plug-in hybrid electric, or plug-in fuel cell vehicle.

<u>Electric vehicle charging station.</u> One or more publicly available parking spaces served by an electric component assembly or cluster of component

assemblies designed specifically to charge batteries within electric vehicles by permitting the transfer of electric energy to a battery or other storage device in an electric vehicle.

Publicly available parking space. A parking space that has been designated by the City to be available to, and accessible by, the public in Cityowned parking garages or surface lots. "Publicly available parking space" shall not include a parking space that is reserved for the exclusive use of an individual driver or vehicle or for a group of drivers or vehicles

Sec. 231-76. Obedience to regulations and signs.

- A. No person shall use an electric vehicle charging station in a City-owned garage or surface lot in violation of any regulations adopted pursuant to this Article.
- B. Any regulations adopted pursuant to this article regarding the use of electric vehicle charging stations in City-owned garages and surface lots shall be conspicuously posted in such City-owned garages and surface lots and in any electric vehicle charging station.

Sec. 231-77. Violations and penalties.

Any person who violates §231-76 of this Article shall be fined not more than ninety dollars (\$90.) for each offense. Nothing herein shall prohibit the issuance of more than one (1) citation for violating the provisions of this section, provided that such violations are sufficiently distinct in time so as to render them separate violations.