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April 20, 2017

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA:

For the reasons discussed below, I am returning Bill No. 170093-A, which passed Council on April 6, 2017, to your Honorable Body without my signature.

Bill No. 170093-A would impose an indefinite moratorium on the permitting of new electric vehicle parking spaces. The measure would also limit current permit holders from exclusive access to those spaces to the hours of 6 p.m. to 6 a.m.

As you know, I was the sponsor of the original legislation (Bill No. 070788, approved November 15, 2007) that provided for the designation of electric vehicle on-street parking spaces. That measure sought to decrease barriers to charging infrastructure EV usage, a goal which I continue to strongly support.

But in the decade since the original measure was signed into law, the EV industry has grown considerably, and Philadelphia's EV policy needs to mature with it. I believe hitting the pause button on the issuance of permits, for what I hope will be a relatively brief period, is appropriate. Based on the rapidly changing technology, the disparity of approaches in peer cities and the unique characteristics of Philadelphia, we need some time to establish the most appropriate approach.

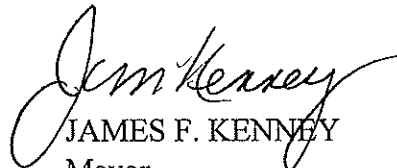
Specifically, during this moratorium period the City needs to study:

- the behaviors and needs of drivers and EV owners
- the changing technology of EVs and EV charging infrastructure
- potential incentive mechanisms
- various models used for integrating EV infrastructure into the transportation network
- best practices for EV parking wayfinding

I am, however, concerned that the moratorium created by Bill No. 170093-A is of an indefinite duration. That sends the wrong message to residents about the benefits to our City of EV usage. This moratorium must not lead to a period of inactivity by the City on this issue. And while I appreciate Councilman Squilla's separate measure, Bill No. 170336, which would set a timetable for the moratorium, I believe the period should be one year, rather than two as proposed by that measure.

During the moratorium, I will dedicate the resources of my Administration to working with City Council to develop a comprehensive solution that encourages the growth of electric vehicle usage, safeguards the needs of other residents, and promotes mass transit as well as active transportation. To that end, I propose the creation of a joint Council-Administration working group on electric vehicle usage, and I look forward to working with you on this in the weeks ahead.

Respectfully,


JAMES F. KENNEY
Mayor

City of Philadelphia



(Bill No. 170093-A)

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Section 12-1131 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Electric Vehicle Parking," to impose a moratorium on new electric vehicle parking spaces, under certain terms and conditions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Section 12-1131 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 12-1131. Electric Vehicle Parking.

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(3) Designation of Electric Vehicle Reserved On-Street Parking Space.

(a) After an investigation determining need has been performed through the Philadelphia Parking Authority with the information set forth in subsection (3)(b) and the Parking Authority has approved of use of the location for practicality and feasibility of traffic operations, the Philadelphia Parking Authority may designate a reserved on-street parking space for electric vehicles. Such a reserved space shall not be designated at any location where parking is otherwise prohibited by law.

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(c) The Streets Department shall cause appropriate signs and marking to be placed in and around electric vehicle parking spaces, indicating prominently thereon the parking regulations. The signs shall state that the parking space is reserved for the exclusive use of electric vehicles *from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.*, non-electric vehicles shall be authorized to park in the electric vehicle parking space for no more than two (2) hours between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., and that violators are subject to a fine and removal of their vehicle.

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(d) *Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection (3), effective with the adoption of the Ordinance adding this subsection (3)(d), the Parking Authority shall designate no additional electric vehicle parking spaces, pending Council's review of the impact of these spaces on overall parking availability and enactment of further legislation. During such moratorium on new spaces, all existing Electric Vehicle Parking spaces shall be designated as exclusively reserved for Electric Vehicles only from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., and non-electric vehicles shall be authorized to park in electric vehicle parking spaces for no more than two (2) hours between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.*

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Explanation:

Italics indicate new matter added.

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Darrell L. Clarke
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

ATTEST
Chief Clerk of the Council

Approved the day of

A.D. 2017

MAYOR OF PHILADELPHIA

Presented

A.D. 2017



Sergeant-At-Arms

4/6/17

Approved as to form and validity



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