

WILLIAMSON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 3
ORDER No. 06-22-01

AN ORDER AMENDING THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 3 FIRE CODE BY AMENDING THE 2021 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE TO ADD CERTAIN PROVISIONS REGARDING: ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS; PROVIDING FOR FEES TO BE PAYABLE FOR PERMITS, APPROVALS, AND INSPECTIONS; REQUIRING A PERMIT OR APPROVAL FOR CERTAIN HAZARDOUS USES AND ACTIVITIES; PROVIDING FOR CIVIL OR CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; PROVIDING FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE FIRE CODE AND AUTHORIZING THE FIRE CHIEF AND FIRE CHIEF'S DESIGNEES TO ADMINISTER AND ENFORCE THE CODE; AUTHORIZING ENTRY ONTO PROPERTY TO CONDUCT INSPECTIONS; AUTHORIZING STOP WORK ORDERS FOR WORK PERFORMED IN VIOLATION OF THE FIRE CODE; PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENT OF AN APPELLATE BODY AND FOR APPEALS FROM DECISIONS OF THE FIRE CHIEF; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Board of Emergency Services Commissioners (“Commissioners”) of Williamson County Emergency Services District No. 3 (“District”) are authorized, pursuant to Tex. Health & Safety Code§ 775.036, and other applicable law, to adopt, amend, and enforce a fire code; and,

WHEREAS, on June 29, 2022, the District adopted Order No. 06-29-01, adopting the 2021 International Fire Code and amendments thereto (“Fire Code Order”); and,

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the District desire and deem it appropriate to enact an order amending the District's Fire Code to add specific amendments regarding electric vehicle charging stations;

It is, therefore, ORDAINED, RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the Board of Emergency Services Commissioners of Williamson Count Emergency Services District No. 3 that:

The District hereby adopts the following amendments to the Fire Code Order to read as follows:

Section 1. Amendments to the International Fire Code

The following sections are hereby amended as follows:

- (1) **Section 202, Definitions**, is hereby amended to include the following amended or added defined terms:

Electric Vehicle Charging Station (EVCS), also referred to as Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE). “Charging station” shall mean all electrical and mechanical equipment, hardware, and software installed by the Contractor, electrical wiring and/or cabling, equipment infrastructure, the Contractor’s signage, and all supporting equipment, including without limitation concrete pads.

Electric Vehicle (EV). Electric Vehicle: A vehicle using one or more electric motors for propulsion. For the purposes of this specification, this will include both battery (BEV) and plug-in hybrid (PHEV) electric vehicles.

Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE). Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment: Supplies electric energy used to recharge electric vehicles.

(2) **Sections 321, 321.1, and 506.1.4 are hereby added to the Fire Code as follows:**

Section 321 Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (EVCS). Where provided, electric vehicle charging stations shall be installed not less than 10 feet from any building or structure, have a means of emergency power disconnect (Knox Remote Power Box), and all charging equipment shall be located a minimum of 30 inches behind the face of the curb.

Section 321.1 Requirements. Electric vehicle charging stations, where provided, shall be installed in accordance with NFPA 70. Electric vehicle charging equipment shall be listed and labeled in accordance with UL 2022. Electric vehicle supply equipment shall be listed and labeled in accordance with UL 2594 or equivalent.

Section 506.1.4. Knox Remote Power Box. A fire department emergency power disconnect shall be provided within 50 feet of the electric vehicle charging station, and supporting electric equipment, but no closer than 10 feet to any charger or cabinet, and meet the following requirements: The disconnect shall be a Knox Remote Power Box (Red), The disconnect shall be mounted at a height of 60 inches from grade, and a reflective sign with a red background and 2-inch white lettering stating “FD Emergency Shutoff – EV Charging Station” shall be installed at each disconnect.

Section 2. Conflicts.

All orders that are in conflict with the provisions of this Order or the Fire Code are hereby repealed, except as necessary to continue with any suit, proceeding, or enforcement of violations of the previous Fire Code of the District currently pending at the time of the adoption of this Order, and such orders shall remain in full force and effect during the pendency of any such suit, proceeding, or enforcement action by the District or as otherwise terminated by applicable law, nor shall any equitable or legal right or remedy of the District of any kind be lost, impaired, or affected by this Order. *All* other orders of Williamson County Emergency Services District No. 3 not in conflict with the provisions of this Order and the Fire Code remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. Severability.

Should any portion or part of this Order and the Fire Code be held for any reason invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not be construed to affect any other valid portion hereof, but all valid portions hereof shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. Maintenance of Order and Previous Orders.

A copy of this Order, the Fire Code Order, and the Fire Code and any necessary previous orders necessary for the continued enforcement of the Fire Code of the District shall be maintained at the central administrative offices of the District for inspection and use by interested persons. The District shall inform any person inquiring where copies of the 2021 International Fire Code or other applicable International Fire Code may be purchased from the publisher thereof.

Section 5. Notice/Publication.


The Fire Chief shall provide notice or publication of this Order and the Fire Code as required by applicable law, if any, and maintain proof thereof in the records of the District.

Section 6. Effective Date.

This Order will become effective upon its passage by the Commissioners of the District.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 22nd DAY OF June, 2023.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO.3

By: 
Bill Brown, President

ATTEST:


Dan Hejl, Secretary