

CITY COUNCIL
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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND BUILDINGS

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March 7, 2024

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HELD AT: COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: Pierina Ana Sanchez, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Shaun Abreu
Alexa Avilés
Eric Dinowitz
Oswald Feliz
Crystal Hudson
Lincoln Restler

OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Gale A. Brewer

A P P E A R A N C E S (CONTINUED)

2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: This is a microphone
3 check for the Committee on Housing and Buildings,
4 recorded by Layla Lynch, on March 7, 2024, in the
5 Council Chambers.

6 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning and
7 welcome to the Committee on Housing and Buildings.

8 At this time, we ask if you could please
9 place phones on vibrate or silent mode.

10 Thank you.

11 Chair, we are ready to begin.

12 CHAIRPERSON SANCHEZ: [GAVEL] Good
13 morning. I am Council Member Pierina Sanchez, Chair
14 of the Committee on Housing and Buildings.

15 Today, we are voting on Proposed Intro.
16 17-B sponsored by Council Member Justin Brannan in
17 relation to the installation of electric supply
18 vehicle equipment in open parking lots and parking
19 garages.

20 Requiring the installation of electric
21 vehicle supply equipment, EVSE, in certain parking
22 lots and garages will make it easier to own and
23 operate electric vehicles in New York City. Noting
24 that February 20, 2024, was the hottest, warmest
25 February in modern times, we need to act on this. In

2 2022, emissions from the City's transportation sector
3 which includes the use of private motor vehicles
4 produced over 16 million tons of carbon dioxide
5 equivalent, the second-most polluting sector after
6 buildings. Electric vehicles produce fewer air
7 pollutants, such as sulfa oxides and nitrogen oxides,
8 than vehicles with an internal combustion engine.
9 Exposure to these pollutants can lead to long-term
10 health complications such as asthma and high blood
11 pressure. Facilitating electric vehicle adoption will
12 help the City reduce its emissions from
13 transportation and meet our climate goals such as 80
14 by 50, which requires an 80 percent reduction in
15 citywide emissions by 2050 relative to a 2005
16 baseline. Requiring the installation of electric
17 vehicle supply equipment will create the
18 infrastructure to make it possible for New Yorkers
19 who drive to switch to electric vehicles in an effort
20 to reduce tailpipe emissions and improve public
21 health. Proposed Intro. number 17-B would require
22 owners of parking garages and open parking lots with
23 10 or more spaces that are licensed by the Department
24 of Consumer and Worker Protection to install electric
25 vehicle supply equipment in 20 percent of parking

2 spaces and ensure that 40 percent of parking spots
3 are capable of supporting electric vehicle supply
4 equipment by January 1, 2035. This bill would allow
5 for adjustments for waivers to this requirement under
6 outlined circumstances such as structural
7 infeasibility. For parking garages and open parking
8 lots not licensed by DCWP, various agencies would be
9 required to conduct a study and issue a report to
10 recommend the required level of EVSE installation.

11 I want to shout out Adrian Cacho from my
12 team who is with us downtown today, what up, thank
13 you for coming, and thank the Members of my Committee
14 Staff.

15 I'm joined today by Council Member Abreu,
16 Council Member Feliz, Council Member Restler, Council
17 Member Dinowitz, and Council Member Hudson online.

18 With that, do any of my Colleagues have
19 questions or comments?

20 I will now ask the Clerk to call the
21 roll.

22 We are holding for the Clerk.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good
24 morning and excuse me. Thank you. William Martin,
25 Committee Clerk. Roll call vote Committee on Housing

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2 and Buildings, Proposed Introduction 17-B. Thank you.
3 Chair Sanchez.

4 CHAIRPERSON SANCHEZ: Aye.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Dinowitz.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Feliz.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Aye on all.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Abreu.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Avilés.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Aye.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Hudson.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
16 you. Restler.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Aye.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: With a
19 vote of seven in the affirmative, zero in the
20 negative, and no abstentions, item is adopted by the
21 Committee.

22 Madam Chair, that is a full Committee.

23 CHAIRPERSON SANCHEZ: Thank you. With
24 that, this hearing is adjourned. [GAVEL]

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C E R T I F I C A T E

World Wide Dictation certifies that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. We further certify that there is no relation to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that there is interest in the outcome of this matter.



Date March 14, 2024