RESOLUTION 22-1037

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING ILLINOIS HOUSE BILL 3125 – THE ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING ACT

WHEREAS, the City of Naperville's City Council formally recognizes the Naperville Environment and Sustainability Task Force (NEST) as an organization whose mission is to assist, inform, and advise City government and the community on sustainability issues; and

WHEREAS, on August 9, 2021, NEST released its Sustainable Naperville 2036 report consisting of comprehensive strategy recommendations to help the City advance in its work to provide for a more sustainable and resilient future; and

WHEREAS, on August 31, 2021, Naperville City Council hosted a joint Sustainability Workshop with City staff and NEST leaders resulting in unanimous support for the Sustainability Workplan which organizes NEST's report recommendations by level of impact, priority, and timeframe for consideration and/or completion; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois General Assembly is currently debating House Bill 3125 (HB 3125) which will require newly built or extensively renovated multi-family residential, commercial, and office developments to provide opportunities for residents, consumers, and employees to have equitable access to electric vehicle (EV) charging stations; and

WHEREAS, EVs have been demonstrated to produce fewer harmful pollutants, including greenhouse gases that contribute to climate change and more serious threats from storms, floods, and more extreme weather patterns; and

WHEREAS, EVs are positioned to grow in popularity and adoption in the coming months and years as major automobile manufacturers have made formal commitments to transition all vehicle production from internal combustion engines to EVs, along with recently enacted federal and state legislation providing direction and funding to increase the amount of EVs and EV charging infrastructure throughout Illinois and the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, HB 3125's requirements for EV-capable, EV-ready, and EV-equipped developments are in line with NEST's recommendations and the Sustainability Workplan approved by City Council on August 31, 2021; specifically, Objective 17 (Transportation and Mobility) of the Five-Year Plan (2023 – 2028) that directs staff to "add addendum to Naperville Code to require new development be EV ready;" and

WHEREAS, staff believes that since the State of Illinois is considering EV charging requirements, there are significant benefits to the City supporting passage of HB 3125; and

WHEREAS, with the passage of HB 3125 all Illinois municipalities will be on a level playing field, there will be less confusion and better compliance if developers have a single set of standards to follow, and Naperville will not need to continually update its Code to stay current with rapidly changing technologies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THE CITY OF NAPERVILLE, DUPAGE AND WILL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, in exercise of its home rule authority as follows:

Hereby adopts this resolution to support the passage and adoption of House Bill 3125 – The Electric Vehicle Charging Act proposed in the Illinois General Assembly and pledges to take strategic action to support these goals for a more resilient, equitable and healthy future.

ADOPTED this _____ day of February, 2022.

AYES: NAYS: ABSENT:

APPROVED this _____ day of February, 2022.

Steve Chirico Mayor

ATTEST:

Grace Michalak Records Clerk