

**DRAFT
TOWN OF AMSTERDAM
TOWN BOARD RESOLUTUION**

**Revision to Proposed Local Law No. 4 of 2016
to Amend the Town of Amsterdam Zoning Law to Regulate Solar Energy Systems**

September 21, 2016

WHEREAS, the Town of Amsterdam Town Board has drafted an amendment to the Town of Amsterdam Zoning Law, entitled Local Law No. 4 of 2016, to add comprehensive regulations for solar energy systems, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this amendment is to provide criteria for siting, regulating and decommissioning small-scale and utility-scale solar energy systems and balance the benefits of solar energy collection with the unique characteristics of each site and prevent potential impacts on neighboring properties, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Amsterdam Town Board held a public hearing on the proposed local law on August 19, 2016 and has given full consideration to comments from concerned residents, and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure that utility-scale solar facilities do not create adverse impacts in residential neighborhoods, the Town Board has directed the draft amendment be revised to include a minimum lot size of 50 acres in all Residential Zoning Districts (R-1, R-2, and R-M Districts) and 20 acres in the A-Agriculture, B-1 Business, B-2 Restricted Business and M-Manufacturing /Mixed Use Zoning Districts, and

WHEREAS, the setback requirement language has also been clarified to state that all utility-scale solar energy systems and associated buildings, fences, accessory structures and equipment shall have a minimum setback from any external property line of 100 feet,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Amsterdam hereby accepts the proposed revisions to the solar zoning amendment and sets a public hearing for the revised Local Law No. 4 of 2016 for XXX, 2016 at 6:50 p.m. at Amsterdam Town Hall at 283 Manny's Corners Road, Amsterdam New York 12010.