

TOWN OF AMSTERDAM TOWN BOARD

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING LOCAL LAW NO. [INSERT] OF 2024 TO IMPOSE A MORATORIUM ON APPLICATIONS FOR PERMITS, SITE PLANS, OR OTHER LAND USE APPROVALS FOR INSTALLATION OF SOLAR ENERGY FACILITIES AND SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS

Whereas, solar energy system development in New York State has continued to increase in recent years, and in order to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, the Town Board of the Town of Amsterdam wishes to conduct further study of these developments and the need to update the Town's existing local regulation thereof; and

Whereas, to achieve this objective, the Town Board desires to impose a moratorium on applications for permits, site plans, or other land use approvals for installation of solar energy facilities and solar energy systems; and

Whereas, proposed local law [INSERT] of 2023, which is attached hereto, was introduced to the Town Board on August 21, 2024; and

Whereas, the Town Board conducted a duly noticed public hearing on September 18, 2024 to solicit public comment on a proposed moratorium which would supersede and suspend all of Article 16 of the New York State Town Law Sections 261-285, as well as jurisdiction of the ZBA to grant relief from the moratorium, in order to preserve the status quo while affording the Town Board sufficient time to adequately study and consider the Town's zoning law and solar energy facilities and solar energy systems within the various zoning districts in the town; and

Whereas, adoption of moratoria on land development or construction is a type 2 action under SEQR;

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Amsterdam hereby adopts Local Law No. [INSERT] of 2023 and directs the Town Clerk to file the necessary paperwork with the Secretary of State.

Dated: September 18, 2024

Sponsored by:

Seconded by:

ADOPTED- -AYES- -NOES