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Notice of Public Hearing
Town of Amsterdam
Proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board, Town of Amsterdam via zoom on Wednesday, March 17th, 2021 at 6:50 pm concerning proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2021 to implement a temporary land use moratorium for 120 days prohibiting construction of solar energy facilities and systems within the jurisdiction of the Town of Amsterdam.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that said Local Law is on file at the Amsterdam Town Clerk's Office located at 283 Manny's Corners Road, Amsterdam, NY where it is available for public inspection during regular business hours, Monday-Friday from 9 am – 4 pm.

All persons interested in this matter, please contact the Town of Amsterdam at 518-842-7961 to obtain a link for the meeting or submit written comments to the Town Clerk, 283 Manny's Corners Road, Amsterdam, NY 12010 on or before March 17th, 2021 before 4:00 pm.

Dated: March 1, 2021

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD


Linda Bartone Hughes, Town Clerk
Town of Amsterdam

Proposed
Local Law No. 2 of 2021

A LOCAL LAW TO IMPLEMENT A TEMPORARY LAND USE MORATORIUM PROHIBITING
INSTALLATION OF SOLAR ENERGY FACILITIES AND SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS

BE IT HEREBY ENACTED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF AMSTERDAM AS FOLLOWS:

Section No. 1 Subject & Authority

The Town of Amsterdam hereby enacts a temporary 120 day or four (4) month land use moratorium on solar energy facilities and solar energy systems within all Town Zoning Districts. This Local Law is adopted in accordance with Municipal Home Rule Law §10 and shall be as follows:

Section No. 2 Purpose

The solar industry has grown in recent years due to increased calls to obtain economic and environment advantages of renewable energy, the federal and state tax benefits and solar industry innovation. Regulations currently exist on solar energy systems in the Town of Amsterdam Code. The Town Board is concerned about the possible increase in demand and potential impacts of solar energy facilities and solar energy systems and believes it is necessary to establish a Local Law enact a temporary 120 day or four (4) month land use moratorium in order to protect public health, safety and welfare of our community, the Town Board hereby declares said moratorium on the establishment, construction, enlargement or erection of solar energy facilities or solar energy systems. Recognizing this need, the Town believes that a moratorium is necessary to allow the Town Board to review our code and update our solar system regulations.

Section No. 3 Scope of Controls

- A) During the effective period of this Local Law:
- 1) The Town of Amsterdam Town Board shall not grant any approvals which would result in the establishment, placement, construction, enlargement or the erection of solar energy facilities or solar energy systems.
 - 2) The Town of Amsterdam Planning Board or Zoning Board of Appeals shall not grant any approvals which would result in the establishment, placement, construction, enlargement or the erection of solar energy facilities or solar energy systems.

- 3) The Zoning Enforcement Officer shall not issue any permit which would result in the establishment, placement, construction, enlargement or the erection of solar energy facilities and solar energy systems.
- B) The Town Board reserves the right to direct the Zoning Enforcement Officer or Building Code Inspector to revoke or rescind any zoning permits, building permits, or certificates of occupancy issued in violation of this Local Law

Section No. 4 Moratorium

The Town of Amsterdam hereby imposes a temporary moratorium on the installation of and any application for solar energy facilities and solar energy systems located in all Town of Amsterdam Zoning Districts until July 14th, 2021 or any earlier date that the Town Board adopts regulations relating to solar energy systems. This moratorium does not apply to roof mounted solar panels.

Section No. 5 Extension

This moratorium may be extended for such additional periods as the Town Board may determine to be necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Town of Amsterdam.

Section No. 6 Termination

This moratorium shall be terminated earlier than July 14th, 2021 upon enactment of any local legislation which adopts regulations relating to solar energy systems.

Section No. 7 Effective Period

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the Office of Secretary of State, NY as provided in Municipal Home Rule Law §27 or as otherwise provided by law.