

Local Law No. of 2024

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 Town 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 study our code and update our solar system regulations.

Section No. 3 Moratorium

The Town of Amsterdam hereby imposes a temporary moratorium on the installation of solar energy facilities and solar energy systems located in all Town of Amsterdam Zoning Districts until December 21, 2024 or any earlier date that the Town Board adopts regulations relating to solar energy systems. This moratorium shall not apply to solar energy systems installed in the Town of Amsterdam to prior to effective date of this Local Law.

Section No. 4 Extensions

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. 5 Termination

This moratorium shall be terminated earlier than December 21, 2024 upon enactment of any local legislation which adopts regulations relating to solar energy systems.

Section No. 6 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.