

Local Law Filing

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County City Town Village
(Select one.)

of Duanesburg

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Local Law No. 3 of the year 2022

A local law entitled "2022 Temporary Moratorium Law on Major Solar Energy Systems including
(Insert Title)
Battery Energy Storage Systems."

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the
(Name of Legislative Body)

County City Town Village
(Select one.)

of Duanesburg

as follows:

see attached

(If additional space is needed, attach pages the same size as this sheet, and number each.)

(Complete the certification in the paragraph that applies to the filing of this local law and strike out that which is not applicable.)

1. (Final adoption by local legislative body only.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. 3 of 2022 of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of Duanesburg was duly passed by the Town Board on September 22, 20 22, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.
(Name of Legislative Body)

2. (Passage by local legislative body with approval, no disapproval or repassage after disapproval by the Elective Chief Executive Officer*.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 20____ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of _____ was duly passed by the _____ on _____ 20____, and was (approved)(not approved) *(Name of Legislative Body)* (repassed after disapproval) by the _____ and was deemed duly adopted *(Elective Chief Executive Officer*)* on _____ 20 , in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

3. (Final adoption by referendum.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 20____ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of _____ was duly passed by the _____ on _____ 20____, and was (approved)(not approved) *(Name of Legislative Body)* (repassed after disapproval) by the _____ on _____ 20____. *(Elective Chief Executive Officer*)*

Such local law was submitted to the people by reason of a (mandatory)(permissive) referendum, and received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon at the (general)(special)(annual) election held on _____ 20____, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

4. (Subject to permissive referendum and final adoption because no valid petition was filed requesting referendum.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 20____ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of _____ was duly passed by the _____ on _____ 20____, and was (approved)(not approved) *(Name of Legislative Body)* (repassed after disapproval) by the _____ on _____ 20____. Such local *(Elective Chief Executive Officer*)* law was subject to permissive referendum and no valid petition requesting such referendum was filed as of _____ 20____, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

* Elective Chief Executive Officer means or includes the chief executive officer of a county elected on a county-wide basis or, if there be none, the chairperson of the county legislative body, the mayor of a city or village, or the supervisor of a town where such officer is vested with the power to approve or veto local laws or ordinances.

5. (City local law concerning Charter revision proposed by petition.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 20____ of the City of _____ having been submitted to referendum pursuant to the provisions of section (36)(37) of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of such city voting thereon at the (special)(general) election held on _____ 20__ __, became operative.

6. (County local law concerning adoption of Charter.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 20____ of the County of _____ State of New York, having been submitted to the electors at the General Election of November _____ 20____, pursuant to subdivisions 5 and 7 of section 33 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of the cities of said county as a unit and a majority of the qualified electors of the towns of said county considered as a unit voting at said general election, became operative.

(If any other authorized form of final adoption has been followed, please provide an appropriate certification.)

I further certify that I have compared the preceding local law with the original on file in this office and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of such original local law, and was finally adopted in the manner indicated in paragraph _____ above.

Clerk of the county legislative body, City, Town or Village Clerk or officer designated by local legislative body

Date: September 22, 2002

(Seal)



RESOLUTION ADOPTING LOCAL LAW No. 3 of 2022

RESOLUTION NO. -2022

September 22, 2022

WHEREAS, the Town of Duaneburg has adopted a local law, local law No. 1 of 2016 regulating solar facilities, including Major Solar Facilities;

WHEREAS, the Town Board has received recommendations for modifications to the regulation of Major Solar Facilities in the Town from the Town Planning Board, the Zoning Board of Appeals and members of the public and is in the process of amending Local Law No. 1 of 2016;

WHEREAS, the Town Board previously imposed a temporary moratorium on the review of Major Solar Facilities which lapsed, however, the modification to the regulation of Major Solar Facilities in the Town has not progressed due to the pandemic and limitations on the ability of the public to participate in person on the proposed changes to Local Law No. 1 of 2016;

WHEREAS, the Town Board is hereby introducing a proposed local law (the “Proposed Local Law”) to re-establish a temporary moratorium on the review of Major Solar Facilities and expanding the moratorium to apply to Battery Energy Storage Systems to give the Town Board sufficient time to continue to evaluate the existing law on Major Solar Facilities and to make changes to that law if warranted, as well as to evaluate the need for changes to zoning to address Battery Energy Storage Systems;

WHEREAS, the purpose of the moratorium is to maintain the status quo while such legislation is being considered and adopted and the adoption of such a moratorium is a Type 2 action pursuant to the NYS Environmental Quality Review Act;

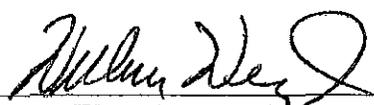
WHEREAS, the Town Board introduced at its meeting on September 8, 2022 the attached Proposed Local Law re-establishing a temporary moratorium on the review of Major Solar Facilities including establishing a temporary moratorium on the review of Battery Energy Storage Systems while the Town Board considers changes to its zoning and other local laws and called for a public hearing;

WHEREAS, the Town Board held a duly noticed public hearing on September 22, 2022 and carefully considered any public comment;

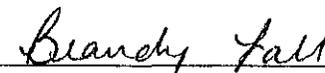
WHEREAS, the proposed local law was referred to Schenectady County Planning as required by the NYS General Municipal Law and Schenectady County Planning responded on _____ finding that _____;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby finds that the adoption of the proposed Local Law 3 of 2022 attached hereto establishing a temporary moratorium on Major Solar Facilities and Battery Energy Storage Systems is a Type 2 action under the SEQRA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby adopts proposed Local Law 3 of 2022 and directs that it be filed with the NYS Secretary of State's Office.



William Wenzel, Supervisor



Town Clerk/Deputy Town Clerk

Present: *Supervisor Wenzel, Council Member Potter + Council Member Lucks*

Absent: *Council Member Ganther + Council Member Grant*

Town Board Members:

Dianne Grant	Yea	Nay	Abstain
John Ganther	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Rick Potter	<u>Yea</u>	Nay	Abstain
William Wenzel	<u>Yea</u>	Nay	Abstain
Andrew Lucks	<u>Yea</u>	Nay	Abstain

Town of Duanesburg

Local Law No. 3 of the year 2022

A local law enacting a temporary moratorium on Major Solar Energy Systems Authorized under Local Law 1 of the year 2016 and on Battery Energy Storage Systems

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Duanesburg as follows:

SECTION I.
SHORT TITLE

This local law shall be cited as Local Law # 3 of 2022 of the Town of Duanesburg and is entitled the “2022 Temporary Moratorium Law on Major Solar Energy Systems and Battery Energy Storage Systems.”

SECTION II.
LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS

The Town Board seeks to carefully review the Town Comprehensive Plan Update, the Town Zoning Ordinance and Local Laws, particularly Local Law #1 of 2016 which allows the establishment of Major Solar Energy Systems in the Town of Duanesburg. The Town has approved several of these Major Solar Energy Systems and believes that the Town of Duanesburg Zoning Code and Local Law #1 of 2016 should be evaluated in light of the Planning Board and Zoning Board experience in reviewing these projects and to protect and promote the public health, welfare and safety within the Town of Duanesburg. The Town Board has established a committee to advise the Town Board on proposed amendments or changes to the existing law or to propose a new local law that would regulate both Major Solar Energy Systems and Battery Energy Storage Systems which may be proposed as part of a Major Solar Energy System or as a stand-alone facility. This moratorium is necessary in order to temporarily prohibit the establishment of additional Major Solar Energy Systems or Battery Energy Storage Systems in the Town to preserve the status quo while affording the Town Board sufficient time to evaluate and to amend the Town Zoning Ordinance and Local Law #1 of 2016, or to adopt new laws relating to Major Solar Energy Systems and Battery Energy Storage Systems.

SECTION III.
AUTHORITY

This moratorium is enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Duanesburg pursuant to its authority to adopt local laws under Article IX of the New York State Constitution and Municipal Home Rule Law Section 10.

SECTION IV.
MORATORIUM

- (A) For a period of six (6) months from the effective date of this Local Law, no applications shall be accepted or considered by the Planning Board of the Town of Duanesburg for Major Solar Energy Systems as that term is defined in Local Law No. 1 of 2016 or for Battery Energy Storage Systems, defined as one or more devices, assembled together, capable of storing energy in order to supply electrical energy at a future time, not to include a stand-alone 12-volt car battery or an electric motor vehicle. A battery energy storage system is classified as a Tier 1 or Tier 2 Battery Energy Storage System as follows: A. Tier 1 Battery Energy Storage Systems have an aggregate energy capacity less than or equal to 600kWh and, if in a room or enclosed area, consist of only a single energy storage system technology. B. Tier 2 Battery Energy Storage Systems have an aggregate energy capacity greater than 600kWh or are comprised of more than one storage battery technology in a room or enclosed area. Such Tier 1 or Tier 2 Battery Energy Storage Systems, whether as part of such Major Solar Energy System or stand-alone.
- (B) This moratorium may be extended by one (1) additional period of up to six (6) months by resolution of the Town Board upon a finding of the necessity for such extension.

SECTION V.
EXEMPTIONS TO MORATORIUM

The foregoing restriction shall not apply to the Major Solar Energy Systems approved by the Town Planning Board: (A) Onyx on Alexander Road, which has been constructed and which is under operation; and (B) the two Oak Hill Solar Projects, including Battery Energy Storage Systems, which have been approved by the Town Planning Board and which are currently under construction. This moratorium does not apply to these listed projects or to any further Town Board, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals or administrative action on these projects.

SECTION VI.
VARIANCES.

The Town Board shall have the authority, after a public hearing, to vary or modify the application of any provision of this Local Law upon its determination that strict application of this Local Law would impose practical difficulties or extraordinary hardships upon an applicant and that the variance granted would not adversely affect the health, safety or welfare of the citizens of the Town or significantly conflict with the general purpose and intent of this Local Law. Any request for a variance shall be in writing and filed with the Town Clerk and shall include a fee of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) for the processing of such application. All such applications shall promptly be referred to the Town Board, which shall conduct a Public Hearing on the application on not less than five (5) days public notice and shall make its decision within thirty (30) days after the close of the Public Hearing.

SECTION VII.
SEVERABILITY

The invalidity of any word, section, clause, paragraph, sentence, part or provision of this Local Law shall not affect the validity of any other part of this Local Law which can be given effect without such invalid part or parts.

SECTION VIII.
REPEAL OF OTHER LAWS

All local laws in conflict with provisions of this Local Law are hereby superseded and suspended for the duration of this moratorium and for any additional period that this Local Law is extended. This Local Law also supersedes, amends and takes precedence over any inconsistent provisions of New York State Town Law, the Town's Municipal Home Rule powers, pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law Sections 10 and 22. The Town Law provisions intended to be superseded include all of the Article 16 of the Town Law, Sections 261-285 inclusive and any other provision of law that the Town may supersede pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Law and the Constitution of the State of New York. The courts are directed to take notice of this legislative intent and to apply such intent in the event the Town has failed to specific any provisions of law that may require supersession. The Town Board hereby declares that it would have enacted this local law and superseded such inconsistent provision had it been apparent.

SECTION IX.
EFFECTIVE DATE

This Local Law shall take effect immediately, as provided by law, upon filing with the New York State Secretary of State.