

TOWN OF BRANT
PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF THE YEAR 2024

A local law imposing a temporary moratorium on the issuance of applications and the granting of permits, licenses or approvals for the Siting of Solar Energy Systems in the Town of Brant in order to allow for the adoption of appropriate regulations pertaining to such land uses,

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Brant ("Town") as follows:

WHEREAS, in recent weeks, Brant has received recent inquiries about siting and locating commercial solar panel installations on lands within the Town of Brant, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that current local laws, ordinances and regulations do not adequately address many of the issues and concerns which must be considered to fairly address the impacts of such uses upon the Town, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that it is necessary to protect the public interest and welfare by imposing a temporary moratorium on new siting, location and establishment of Solar Energy Systems while the Town undertakes a comprehensive review of concerns and issues raised by these uses, and

WHEREAS, such moratorium is intended to allow the Town sufficient and necessary time to address such concerns and issues and enact new laws, ordinances or regulations, and/or appropriate amendments to existing laws, ordinances or regulations to properly address community impacts, concerns or issues in a manner which is meaningful and consistent with the Town's comprehensive plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Board of the Town of Brant hereby declares that no new applications shall be issued and no permits or approvals shall be granted by any officer, department, board or agency of the Town of Brant with respect to the siting, location or establishment of Solar Energy Systems within the Town of Brant for a period of six (6) months from the effective date of this local law, unless earlier terminated by other local law, duly adopted.

As used in this law, the term "Solar Energy System(s)" shall mean and include, all systems covered under Local Law #2 of 2017. Notwithstanding the foregoing, residential, business and industrial properties with rooftop solar panel installations which generate electricity solely servicing the property where the rooftop installations are located are exempt from this moratorium as are all municipal and school installations and properties.

This local law is intended to supersede all applicable provisions of the Town of Brant Code, to the extent required to give effect to the provisions hereof for the effective period hereof.