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Local Law Filing

Pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law §27

Local Law Number ascribed by the legislative body of the local government listed below:

1 (one) of the year 20 26

Local Law Title: A Local Law Establishing a Moratorium on Utility-Scale Energy Systems (Excluding ACAESS)

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

County City Town Village
(Select one)

of Watson as follows on the attached pages:
(Name of Local Government)

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(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 ascribed as local law number 1 (one) of 2026 of the ~~(County)(City)(Town)(Village)~~ of Watson was duly passed by the Town Board on April 8 2026 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, ascribed as local law number _____ of 20____ of the ~~(County)(City)(Town)(Village)~~ of _____ was duly passed by the _____ on _____ 20____ and was (approved)(not approved)(repassed after disapproval) by the _____ (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, ascribed as local law number _____ of 20____ of the ~~(County)(City)(Town)(Village)~~ of _____ was duly passed by the _____ on _____ 20____ and was (approved)(not approved)(repassed after disapproval) by the _____ (Elective Chief Executive Officer*) on _____ 20____. 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, ascribed as local law number _____ of 20____ of the ~~(County)(City)(Town)(Village)~~ of _____ was duly passed by the _____ on _____ 20____ and was (approved)(not approved)(repassed after disapproval) by the _____ (Elective Chief Executive Officer*) on _____ 20____. Such local 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.

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

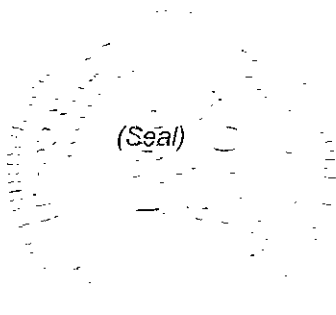
I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, ascribed as local law number _____ of 20 ____ of the City of _____ having submitted to referendum pursuant to the provisions of Section (36)(37) of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified 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 thereto, ascribed as local law number _____ 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 the paragraph _____ above.



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

April 8, 2026
(Date)

**TOWN OF WATSON
LOCAL LAW NO. [1] OF 2026
A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING A MORATORIUM ON UTILITY-SCALE ENERGY SYSTEMS (EXCLUDING
ACAESS)**

WHEREAS, the Town of Watson wishes to enact a twelve-month (12 m) moratorium on utility-scale energy storage systems(excluding ACAESS) to allow time to develop, review, and update the Town Code; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board finds that time is necessary to research, develop, review, amend, and update multiple sections of the Town Code to ensure consistency with the Town's existing Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to halt the acceptance and approval of applications for all utility-scale energy storage systems (excluding ACAESS) for twelve (12) months to ensure orderly and effective planning and code updates;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of the Town of Watson as follows:

Section 1. Moratorium

The moratorium on the construction, installation, and operation of utility-scale energy storage systems (excluding ACAESS) is established for a period of twelve (12) months from the effective date of this Local Law. During this period, no permits, approvals, or other authorizations shall be issued for such systems.

Section 2. Purpose

The purpose of this moratorium is to provide the Town sufficient time to:

1. Review and amend the Town Code, including zoning and other regulations, to reflect the objectives of its Comprehensive Plan; and
2. Ensure that all utility-scale energy storage systems (excluding ACAESS) are properly regulated to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the community.

Section 3. Scope

This moratorium applies to all new applications or pending applications for permits, approvals, or authorizations related to Tier 1 and Tier 2 BESS, and other similar utility-scale storage systems within the Town of Watson.

Section 4. Enforcement

Any construction, installation, or operation of utility-scale energy storage systems (excluding ACAESS) during the moratorium period is prohibited and may result in enforcement actions under the Town Code.

Section 5. Definitions

BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM (BESS):

One or more devices capable of storing energy for future electrical use, not to include a stand-alone 12-volt car battery or an electric motor vehicle. Battery energy storage systems are classified as follows:

- A. Tier 1 — Small Battery Energy Storage Systems with an aggregate energy capacity less than or equal to 599 kWh or comprised of one storage battery technology in a room or enclosed area.
- B. Tier 2 — Large Battery Energy Storage Systems with an aggregate energy capacity greater than 600 kWh or comprised of more than one storage battery technology in a room or enclosed area.

UTILITY-SCALE ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM:

A commercial, industrial, or grid-connected facility designed to store and discharge electrical or thermal energy at a scale intended to support the bulk power system, the utility distribution network, or wholesale market operations. This term includes, but is not limited to, battery energy storage systems (BESS), thermal storage, mechanical storage (including flywheels, compressed-air, or gravity-based systems), chemical storage, or any other technology capable of storing energy for later conversion to electrical power. Utility-scale energy storage systems do not include equipment used primarily for on-site consumption by individual property owners.

Section 6. Severability

If any part of this Local Law is held invalid, the remainder shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 7. Effective Date

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon the Town Board's adoption and filing with the Secretary of State. It shall remain in effect for twelve (12) months unless amended or repealed by the Town Board.