

TOWN OF PLATTSBURGH
TOWN BOARD MONTHLY MEETING
October 5, 2023

Resolution No. 023-225

Solar Energy Local Law No. 3 of 2023

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Plattsburgh desires to amend the Town of Plattsburgh Solar Energy Local Law of 2018 for the following purposes:

This Solar Energy Local Law is intended to advance and protect the public health, safety, and welfare of Town of Plattsburgh residents by creating regulations for the installation and use of solar energy generating systems and equipment, with the following objectives:

- 1) To mitigate the potential impacts of Solar Energy Systems on environmental resources such as important agricultural lands, forests, open spaces, wildlife and other protected resources, and;
- 2) To identify the ideal locations for solar energy development and to avoid conflict with other land use goals, regulations, and long term plans; and
- 3) To allow for well planned development of a safe, abundant, renewable and non-polluting energy resource;
- 4) To decrease the cost of electricity to the owners of residential and commercial properties, including single-family houses;
- 5) To increase employment and business development in the Town, to the extent reasonably practical, by providing a defined framework for review of Solar Energy Systems projects; and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was duly advertised in Press Republican, the official newspaper of Town of Plattsburgh on September 28, 2023 and in Town Hall and the Town website; and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was duly held on October 5th at 6:05 at Town Hall and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to said Proposed Local Law, or any part thereof; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to part 617 of the implementing regulations pertaining to article 8 State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) it has been determined by the Town of Plattsburgh that adoption of said proposed Local Law would not have a significant effect upon the environment and could be processed by other applicable governmental agencies without further regard to SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, Clinton County Planning Board deemed the proposed Solar Energy Local Law _____ by a vote of X-X to be a local issue on October 4, 2023, pursuant to section 239-m of the General Municipal Law; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the members of the Town Board that the best interests of the Town of Plattsburgh would be served by the adoption of said proposed amendment to the Town of Plattsburgh Solar Energy Local Law, and prompt filing of said law as adopted with the Department of State of the State of New York in order for said Local Law to become effective at the earliest possible date; and now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that proposed amendment to the Town of Plattsburgh Solar Energy Local Law as aforementioned,” be hereby adopted as Town of Plattsburgh Solar Energy Local Law; and, it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to cause said Town of Plattsburgh Solar Energy Local Law to be duly filed with the Department of State of the State of New York, as required by section 27, subdivision 1 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Motioned by:

Seconded by:

Discussion:

Roll Call:	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Carried</u>	<u>Tabled</u>
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