

**TOWN OF CORINTH
LOCAL LAW 1 OF 2026
ESTABLISHING A MORATORIUM ON BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CORINTH TOWN BOARD AS FOLLOWS:

1. Title and Authority – This Local Law shall be known as the Town of Corinth Battery Energy Storage Systems Moratorium. It is adopted pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law §10 and Town Law Article 16.

2. Purpose – The Town Board recognizes that Battery Energy Storage Systems facilities are a component to the promotion of renewable energy sources, however, the technology of these systems is still in its infancy. Public health, safety, and welfare are some of the highest priorities in the Town, causing the Town Board to want to have the ability to study the approach to and impacts from the development of Battery Energy Storage Systems facilities.

This Moratorium is necessary in order to temporarily restrict the development of Battery Energy Storage Systems so that the Town Board may thoroughly consider the impacts of such uses, their appropriate locations in the community and how to allow for appropriate development of such facilities within the Town's land use development and zoning objectives. The Town Board has determined that this would best enhance and protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Town of Corinth.

3. Definitions – “Battery Energy Storage System” means one or more devices, assembled together, capable of storing energy derived from any source including without limitation solar or wind sources, to be stored and then released at a future time.

4. Moratorium – The Town of Corinth hereby imposes a one-year Moratorium on the construction, establishment, installation, review or approval of any Battery Energy Storage Systems after the date that this Local Law takes effect. During the pendency of this Moratorium, there shall be no construction nor permits issued nor applications considered by the Town, its Officials, Boards or Departments for the construction, installation or use of Battery Energy Storage Systems.

5. 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 Corinth and accomplish the stated purposes and intent of this Local Law.

6. Variance Procedure – The Town Board shall have the power, 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 extraordinary hardship 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 purposes and intent of this Local Law. Any request for a variance shall be in writing and filed with the Town Clerk. The Town Board 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. Any project which is granted a variance from this Local Law shall be subject to all requirements under the Town Code which would have been applicable to the project if the Moratorium had not been adopted and the prohibitions set forth in Paragraph 4 of this Local law shall not apply to such project.

7. Severability – The invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph or provision of this Local Law shall not invalidate any other clause, sentence, paragraph or part thereof.

8. Effective Date – This Local Law shall take effect upon filing by the Office of the New York Secretary of State.