

**LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2026
ESTABLISHING A MORATORIUM ON
SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS IN THE TOWN OF CORINTH**

NOW, THEREFORE, 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 Solar Energy System Moratorium Law. It is adopted pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law §10.

2. Purpose – The Town Board recognizes that solar energy offers benefits for energy conservation and reduction of reliance on fossil fuels and, as such, the development of solar energy facilities continues to grow. However, the installation of large-scale solar energy facilities, panels, equipment and accessories may have adverse impacts on neighboring land. This Moratorium is necessary in order to temporarily restrict the development of any new solar energy systems that do not yet have site plan approval. 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 –

Solar Energy Equipment - Solar energy equipment consists of solar photovoltaic (PV) cells, panels and/or arrays, controls, energy storage devices, heat pumps and pumps, heat exchangers, windmills, and other materials, hardware, or equipment necessary to the process by which solar radiation is: a. Collected. b. Converted into another form of energy such as thermal, electrical, mechanical, or chemical. c. Stored. d. Protected from unnecessary dissipation; and e. Distributed.

Solar Energy System - An arrangement or combination of solar energy equipment designed to provide heating, cooling, hot water, or mechanical, chemical, or electrical energy by the collection of solar energy and its conversion, storage, protection, and distribution..

4. Moratorium – The Town of Corinth hereby imposes a one-year Moratorium on the construction, establishment, installation, review or approval of any new or expanded Solar Energy System that does not yet have site plan approval from the Town of Corinth Planning Board. During the pendency of this Moratorium there shall be no permits issued nor applications considered by the Town, its Officials, Boards or Departments for the construction, installation or use of any new Solar Energy System that does not yet have site plan approval.

5. Residential Use Exception – This Moratorium shall not apply to residential Solar Panel installations, regardless of whether or not the panels are ground-mounted, so long as the total Solar Panel installation on a single residential tax map parcel is designed to generate no more than 110% of the electricity consumed over the previous

twelve-month period for the existing parcel (for new construction that does not have a twelve-month log of electricity use, a projection of electricity use over the first 12 months shall be used).

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. 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.

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