

**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