

LOCAL LAW NO. __ OF 2019

**A LOCAL LAW TO ESTABLISH A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON
INSTALLATION OF GROUND-MOUNTED SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS**

***BE IT ENACTED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF QUEENSBURY AS
FOLLOWS:***

SECTION 1. Subject and Authority

The Town of Queensbury hereby enacts a temporary six (6) month moratorium on the installation of any ground-mounted solar energy system within all Town Zoning Districts. This Local Law is adopted in accordance with Municipal Home Rule Law §10 and shall be as follows:

SECTION 2. Purpose

The solar industry has grown in recent years due to increased calls to reap the economic and environmental advantages of renewable energy, the federal and state tax benefits and solar industry innovation. There are no current solar energy system regulations in the Queensbury Town Code. The Town Board is concerned about the possible increase in demand and the potential impacts of ground-mounted solar energy systems and believes it is necessary to establish a Local Law enacting a temporary six (6) month moratorium on installation of any ground-mounted solar energy system in order to protect public health, safety and welfare. Recognizing this need, the Town believes that such six (6) month moratorium is necessary to allow the Town Board time to study these issues in order to establish appropriate ground-mounted solar system regulations. This moratorium does not include roof-mounted solar systems.

SECTION 3. Moratorium

The Town of Queensbury hereby imposes a moratorium on the installation of ground-mounted solar energy systems located in all Town of Queensbury Zoning Districts until February 5th, 2020 or any earlier date that the Town Board adopts regulations relating to installation of ground-mounted solar energy systems. This moratorium shall not apply to ground-mounted solar energy systems installed in the Town of Queensbury prior to the effective date of this Local Law.

SECTION 4. 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 Queensbury.

SECTION 5. Termination

This moratorium shall be terminated earlier than February 5th, 2020 upon enactment of any local legislation which adopts regulations relating to ground-mounted solar energy systems.

SECTION 6. Effective Period

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the Office of the New York Secretary of State as provided in Municipal Home Rule Law §27 or as otherwise provided by law.