

At a Regular Meeting of the Town Board for the Town of Mexico held the 8th day of September, 2025, at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall, 64 S. Jefferson Street in the Town of Mexico.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Mexico is considering adopting a Local Law No. 1 of 2025 to establish and impose a one (1) year moratorium on Commercial Renewable Energy Systems with the Town of Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Commercial Renewable Energy Systems include the following components:

1. Solar panels for harnessing sunlight and converting it into electricity.
2. Wind turbines for generating power from wind energy.
3. Biomass systems that convert organic materials into usable energy.
4. Hydroelectric systems that utilize flowing water to produce electricity.
5. Geothermal systems that tap into the Earth's heat for energy generation.
6. Energy storage solutions, like batteries, to store generated energy for later use; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Mexico, under laws of New York State, desires to maintain its long tradition of protecting the health, safety, general welfare, property and environment within its borders; and

WHEREAS, New York Statutes are not sufficient to protect the health, safety and well-being of Town residents, and over decades, starting with the New York Constitution, and continuing with the State of Local Governments and the Municipal Home Rule Law, New York has recognized that New York is a geographically and geologically diverse state, such that local regulations of local environments and land use and development is a hallmark of New York State Law; and

WHEREAS, New York State Home Rule Law grants the Town broad powers to adopt procedures and local laws to promote and protect the public health, safety, general welfare, property and environment in the Town in order to protect against adverse risks and impacts of development; and

WHEREAS, moratoria are “Type II Actions” under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) regulations (6NYCRR sections 617.5(c)(30)), and it is hereby determined that this proposed action, the adoption of a land use moratorium concerning certain alternative energy facilities, does not require further environmental impact review, a determination of significance, or the preparation of any other SEQRA documents; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to consider such a local law to establish and impose a one (1) year Moratorium on Commercial Renewable Energy Systems within the Town of Mexico; and

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion made by J. Revette, and seconded by C. Bigelow, **BE IT RESOLVED** as follows:

1. That the Town Board shall consider Local Law No. 1 of the year 2025 to establish and impose a one (1) year moratorium on Commercial Renewable Energy Systems within the Town of Mexico; and
2. That the Town Board shall hold a public hearing on said proposed Local Law to be held the 15th day of October, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible.
3. The Town Clerk is hereby directed to advertise said public hearing and to post notice of said public hearing as required by law.

MOTION adopted as follows:

Eric Behling, Supervisor
Russell Partrick, Councilman
Chad Bigelow, Councilman
Had Fravor, Councilman
Jeannie Revette, Councilwoman

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Dated: September 8, 2025

Nicole Wild
Nicole Wild, Town Clerk