

TOWN OF EDEN
LOCAL LAW NO. 4 OF THE YEAR 2023

A local law imposing a temporary moratorium on the issuance of applications and the granting of permits, licenses or approvals for the Siting of Wind Energy Conversion System (WECS) Projects pursuant to Chapter 217 of the Town of Eden Code in order to allow for the consideration and possible adoption of appropriate amendments to existing regulations pertaining to such land uses,

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Eden ("Town") as follows:

WHEREAS, given recent trends and activities in neighboring communities, Eden expects to receive inquiries about siting and locating WECS installations on lands within the Town of Eden, and

WHEREAS, current local laws, ordinances and regulations may not adequately address some significant issues and concerns which must be considered to fairly address the impacts of siting such uses in the Town, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that it is necessary to protect the public interest and welfare by imposing a temporary moratorium on new siting, location and establishment of WECS Projects while the Town undertakes a close review of additional concerns and issues raised by these uses, and

WHEREAS, such moratorium is intended to allow the Town sufficient and necessary time to address such concerns and issues and enact new laws, ordinances or regulations, and/or appropriate amendments to existing laws, ordinances or regulations to properly address community impacts, concerns or issues in a manner which is meaningful and consistent with the Town's comprehensive plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Board of the Town of Eden hereby declares that no new applications shall be issued and no permits or approvals shall be granted by any officer, department, board or agency of the Town of Eden with respect to the siting, location or establishment of Wind Energy Conversion System Projects within the Town of Eden pursuant to Eden Code Chapter 217 for a period of six (6) months from the effective date of this local law, unless earlier terminated by other local law, duly adopted.

As used in this law, the term "Wind Energy Conversion System [WECS]" and/or "WECS Project(s)" follow the definition set forth in Chapter 217 of the Town of Eden Code.