

Appendix 31-4:
Town of Conquest Local Law #2 of 2019

Local Law Filing

(Use this form to file a local law with the Secretary of State.)

Text of law should be given as amended. Do not include matter being eliminated and do not use italics or underlining to indicate new matter.

County City Town Village
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of Conquest

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Local Law No. 2 of the year 20 19

A local law establishing a six month moratorium on applications, approvals, and/or construction
(Insert Title)

or installation on solar energy systems and/or solar farms

Be it enacted by the Town of Conquest Town Board of the
(Name of Legislative Body)

County City Town Village
(Select one.)

of Conquest as follows:

See Attached.

(If additional space is needed, attach pages the same size as this sheet, and number each.)

(Complete the certification in the paragraph that applies to the filing of this local law and strike out that which is not applicable.)

1. (Final adoption by local legislative body only.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. 2 of 2019 of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of Conquest was duly passed by the Town of Conquest Town Board on December 16 2019, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

~~**2. (Passage by local legislative body with approval, no disapproval or repassage after disapproval by the Elective Chief Executive Officer*.)**~~

~~I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 20____ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of _____ was duly passed by the _____ on _____ 20____, and was (approved)(not approved) (repassed after disapproval) by the _____ and was deemed duly adopted on _____ 20____, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.~~

3. (Final adoption by referendum.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 20____ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of _____ was duly passed by the _____ on _____ 20____, and was (approved)(not approved) (repassed after disapproval) by the _____ on _____ 20____.

Such local law was submitted to the people by reason of a (mandatory)(permissive) referendum, and received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon at the (general)(special)(annual) election held on _____ 20____, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

~~**4. (Subject to permissive referendum and final adoption because no valid petition was filed requesting referendum.)**~~

~~I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 20____ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of _____ was duly passed by the _____ on _____ 20____, and was (approved)(not approved) (repassed after disapproval) by the _____ on _____ 20____. Such local law was subject to permissive referendum and no valid petition requesting such referendum was filed as of _____ 20____, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.~~

* Elective Chief Executive Officer means or includes the chief executive officer of a county elected on a county-wide basis or, if there be none, the chairperson of the county legislative body, the mayor of a city or village, or the supervisor of a town where such officer is vested with the power to approve or veto local laws or ordinances.

5. (City local law concerning Charter revision proposed by petition.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 20____ of the City of _____ having been submitted to referendum pursuant to the provisions of section (36)(37) of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of such city voting thereon at the (special)(general) election held on _____ 20____, became operative.

6. (County local law concerning adoption of Charter.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 20____ of the County of _____ State of New York, having been submitted to the electors at the General Election of November _____ 20____, pursuant to subdivisions 5 and 7 of section 33 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of the cities of said county as a unit and a majority of the qualified electors of the towns of said county considered as a unit voting at said general election, became operative.

(If any other authorized form of final adoption has been followed, please provide an appropriate certification.)

I further certify that I have compared the preceding local law with the original on file in this office and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of such original local law, and was finally adopted in the manner indicated in paragraph ¹_____ above.

Miss Tortorello

Clerk of the county legislative body, City, Town or Village Clerk or officer designated by local legislative body

(Seal)

Date: _____ 12-23-2019 _____

**Town of Conquest
Local Law No. 2 for the Year 2019**

**A Local Law Establishing a Six Month Moratorium on Applications, Approvals, and/or
Construction or Installation on Solar Energy Systems and/or Solar Farms**

Be it hereby enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Conquest as follows:

Section 1: Purpose and Intent. The purpose of this Local Law is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Town of Conquest and to maintain the status quo as to certain solar energy uses, as the present zoning regulations of the Town of Conquest do not adequately address this type of use. This moratorium will temporarily stop the processing of applications for and the issuance of permits, certificates of occupancy, and approvals for certain land uses related to solar energy, included but not limited to, solar farms. The moratorium is for a period of six (6) months, allowing the Town Board to analyze and determine potential appropriate laws and regulations to be put in place by the Conquest Town Board.

Section 2: Legislative Findings. The Town of Conquest Town Board hereby finds that without a temporary halt on the processing, permitting, and approval for certain solar land uses there is a potential that such uses could be located in unsuitable areas within the Town and/or on particular lots without adequate dimensional regulations in place. The potential for the unsuitable location of and lack of proper dimensional regulations for such uses would have materially adverse impacts on the Town. The Town Board also finds that time is required to perform the necessary analysis of the potential types of solar energy facilities that could be located in the Town. By maintaining the status quo regarding such uses, the Town Board can provide for the planned orderly growth and development of the Town.

Section 3: Moratorium Imposed; Applicability. For a period of six (6) months following the effective date of this Local Law, no application may be processed, and no permits, certificates of occupancy, approvals, variances, denials, determinations or interpretations may be issued or granted for any land uses relating to solar energy, including but not limited to, solar farms.

The term "land uses relating to solar energy" shall be broadly construed to include any facility designed to generate electric power to be marketed, sold or used for other than the power

demands of the improvements on the property on which such facility is located. Not included within the scope of this moratorium are solar energy facilities designed to generate electric power solely for the use of the improvements located on the same property. The term “solar farm” shall mean a collection of solar panels covering one-quarter (1/4) acre or more of land that are designed to capture sunlight and transform it into electricity. This definition includes freestanding and ground pole-mounted photovoltaic and parabolic solar installations. This definition does not include photovoltaic panels that are mounted on or affixed to residential dwellings for their use or municipal buildings or existing panels mounted on commercial or industrial buildings.

This Local Law shall be binding on the Town Board, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer, all Town officials and employees, and any applicant or real property owner in the Town desiring to apply for or receive a permit, certificate of occupancy, or approval in the Town of Conquest.

During the period of the moratorium, the Town Board shall endeavor to complete all reasonable and necessary review, study, analysis and, if warranted, revisions to the Town of Conquest Law. During the period of the moratorium, no applications will be accepted nor permits, certificates of occupancy or approvals issued which would authorize development within the Town for land uses relating to solar energy as described above.

Section 4: Term. This moratorium shall be in effect for a period of six (6) consecutive months from its effective date. This term may be extended for a cumulative period of up to an additional six (6) months, if necessary, by resolutions of the Town Board.

Section 5: Effect on Other Laws. To the extent that any law, ordinance, rule or regulation, or parts thereof are in conflict with the provisions of this Local Law, including all provisions of Article 16 of the New York State Town Law concerning special use permit, site plan, building permit, and certificate of occupancy procedure and requirements, this Local Law shall control and supersede such law, ordinance, rule, or regulation.

Section 6: Variance. An application for a variance from the terms of this moratorium may be submitted, with a \$200 fee, to the Town Clerk. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 16 of

the Town Law and the Zoning Code of the Town of Conquest, such variance requests shall be considered by the Town Board in accordance with the requirements for a use variance.

Section 7: Severability. Should any provision of this Local Law be declared by the courts to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of this Local Law as a whole or any part thereof other than the part so decided to be unconstitutional or invalid.

Section 8: Effective Date. This Local Law shall be effective upon its filing with the Secretary of State in accordance with the Municipal Home Rule Law.