

TOWN OF AURORA
LOCAL LAW INTRO 5 - 2025

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A LOCAL LAW, TO AUTHORIZE A SIX-MONTH MORATORIUM ON ALL REZONING REQUESTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF AURORA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. TITLE.

This Local Law is referred to as the “Local Law Imposing a Six-Month Moratorium on Rezoning.”

SECTION 2. PURPOSE.

The Town of Aurora is undertaking the development of a Comprehensive Plan which is intended to detail the community’s vision for the future, including development, land use, and community priorities. The comprehensive plan is expected to provide strategies addressing housing needs, infrastructure improvements, the revitalization of the Town’s various neighborhoods, the needs for all modes of transportation, farmland preservation, climate resiliency, and natural resource preservation.

This moratorium is intended to be an interim measure to preserve the status quo pending adoption of the Comprehensive Plan and related new or amended planning and zoning regulations in accordance therewith. This moratorium will also avoid rezoning applications that could

potentially conflict with or frustrate the recommendations and goals of the updated Comprehensive Plan.

SECTION 3. AUTHORITY.

This moratorium is enacted by the Town Board pursuant to its authority under the New York State Constitution Article IX and NYS Municipal Home Rule Law §10.

SECTION 4. ENACTEMENT OF TEMPORARY MORATORIUM.

For a period of six months, starting with the filing of this Local Law with the NYS Secretary of State, and subject to any other Local Law adopted by the Town Board during this six-month period, no new application for property rezoning to a different zoning district shall be accepted, processed or approved by the Town.

SECTION 5. EXTENSION OF MORATORIUM.

This moratorium may be extended for up to two additional periods of up to three months each by resolution of the Town Board upon a finding of necessity for such extension.

SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY.

The invalidity of any word, section, clause, paragraph, sentence, or part or provision of this Local Law shall not affect the validity of any other part of this Local Law which shall be given effect.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the NYS Secretary of State.