

TOWN OF WALES

Intro Local Law 7-2025

Local Law 1- 2026

A local law establishing a 12-month moratorium on Battery Energy Storage Systems facilities in the Town of Wales.

SECTION I. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT The Town Board finds that it is in the best interest of the Town of Wales to enact a moratorium on any new Battery Energy Storage Systems Facilities, which consist of rows of rechargeable batteries housed in self-contained, interconnected storage units. The Town Board recognizes the potential impact of Battery Energy Storage Systems Facilities on the Town's infrastructure, environment, and community character. The Town of Wales is committed to ensuring the health, safety, and welfare of its residents, and to the proper regulation of land uses within the Town of Wales. The Town Board has determined that it would be prudent to temporarily pause consideration of Battery Energy Storage Systems Facilities within the Town of Wales. Such a pause will provide sufficient time to study and address any concerns, including, but not limited to, zoning, environmental impacts, public safety, and economic implications resulting from Battery Energy Storage Systems Facilities.

SECTION II. SCOPE OF CONTROL For a period of 12-months from the effective date of this ordinance, no applications for Battery Energy Storage Systems Facilities shall be accepted by any board with appropriate authority in the Town, including the Town Board, Planning Board, and Zoning Board of Appeals.

SECTION III. EFFECTIVE DATE This law shall take effect immediately as provided by the law, upon filing with the Secretary of State and shall remain in force and effective for a period of 12-month moratorium.

February 3, 2026