

Town of Putnam Valley Local Law No. ____ of 2024

A Local Law Amending the Town of Putnam Valley Zoning Law Relating to Ground Mount Commercial Solar Energy Systems

BE IT ENACTED, by the Town Board of the Town of Putnam Valley, Putnam County, New York, as follows:

Part 1. Title

This Local Law shall be known as the “A Local Law Amending the Town of Putnam Valley Zoning Law Relating to Ground Mount Commercial Solar Energy Systems.”

Part 2. Enactment

This Local Law is adopted and enacted pursuant to the authority and power granted by §10 of the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York.

Part 3. Amendment of the Zoning Law

The Town of Putnam Valley Zoning Law is amended as follows:

Replace

Section 165-111(D) “Solar Energy Systems”: Commercial solar energy systems. Due to the potential negative impacts to neighborhood character and to other environmental resources from commercial activity related to energy generation, supply and transmission in residential zones, commercial solar energy systems are strictly prohibited in all residential and CD and PD Zoning Districts in the Town. Ground mount commercial solar energy systems shall not be permitted in any zoning district or area of the town with the exception of installations constructed above existing or approved impervious surfaces or remediated contaminated sites as defined by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). A commercial solar energy system shall be permitted only as a special permit use in Commercial Zoning Districts. Commercial Building-Integrated Photovoltaic Systems shall be subject to the following requirements (in addition to the requirements for a special permit application and site plan review).

Part 4. Severability

The invalidity of any part or provision (e.g., word, section, clause, paragraph, sentence) of this Local Law shall not affect the validity of any other part of this Law which can be given effect in the absence of the invalid part or provision.

Part 6. Supersession

This Local Law is intended to supersede any provisions of the Town Law, the laws of the Town of Putnam Valley, and the New York State General Municipal Law which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Local Law.

Part 7. Effective Date

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon the filing with the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law, and specifically, Article 3, Section 27 of the New York State Municipal Home Rule Law.