

Intro LL-1

Councilmember ROWBACK presented the following and moved its adoption:

**LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING ARTICLE XXII OF CHAPTER 300 OF THE
GLOVERSVILLE CITY CODE ENTITLED “UTILITY-SCALE SOLAR ENERGY
SYSTEMS AND BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS”**

Section 1. Legislative Intent

The Common Council of the City of Groversville, having previously enacted a temporary moratorium on utility-scale solar energy systems and battery energy storage systems, and having reviewed information concerning the potential impacts of such uses on land use compatibility, public safety, infrastructure, emergency response, and redevelopment objectives, hereby determines that such uses are not appropriate within the City.

Accordingly, the Common Council enacts this Local Law to prohibit utility-scale solar energy systems and battery energy storage systems within all zoning districts of the City of Groversville.

Section 2. Modification

Article XXII of Chapter 300 is hereby established to read:

300-106 Purpose and Legislative Findings.

The Common Council of the City of Groversville finds that utility-scale solar energy systems and commercial battery energy storage systems may have significant impacts on land use patterns, public safety, infrastructure capacity, emergency response preparedness, environmental conditions, and the long-term redevelopment objectives of the City.

Following the adoption of a temporary moratorium and review of information, including consultation with subject-matter experts, the Common Council has determined that such uses are not compatible with the City’s existing development pattern, comprehensive planning goals, and the health, safety, and welfare of its residents.

Accordingly, the purpose of this Article is to prohibit utility-scale solar energy systems and battery energy storage systems within the City of Groversville.

§ 300-107 Prohibited Uses.

A. Utility-Scale Solar Energy Systems are prohibited in all zoning districts within the City of Groversville.

B. Battery Energy Storage Systems, when designed, intended, or operated for commercial, utility-scale, or grid-support purposes, are prohibited in all zoning districts within the City of Gloversville.

C. No zoning permit, building permit, site plan approval, special permit, variance, certificate of occupancy, or other municipal approval shall be accepted, processed, or issued for any use prohibited under this Article.

§ 300-108 Exemptions.

The provisions of this Article shall not apply to:

1. Solar energy systems accessory to a permitted principal use on the same parcel, including rooftop or ground-mounted installations, provided such systems are designed to generate no more than 110% of the electricity consumed on that parcel over the previous twelve-month period.
2. Battery storage systems accessory to a residential or commercial building that are designed solely to serve the on-site energy needs of that parcel and are not operated for commercial resale, grid-support services, or utility-scale energy distribution.

§ 300-109 Nonconforming Uses.

Any utility-scale solar energy system or battery energy storage system lawfully existing and operational prior to the effective date of this Article shall be subject to the provisions of Article XI, Nonconforming Uses.

§ 300-110 Severability.

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Article shall be adjudged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not affect the validity of the remainder thereof.

Section 3. Public Hearing

A public hearing having been held on March 24, 2026 and upon ratification by Common Council this local law shall become effective pursuant to C-28 of the Charter of the City of Gloversville.

Section 4. Severability

If any provision of this Local Law shall be adjudged invalid, such judgment shall not affect the validity of the remainder thereof.

Section 5. Effective Date

This Local Law shall take effect upon adoption by the Common Council, filing with the Secretary of State, and in accordance with the Charter of the City of Gloversville.

Seconded by Councilmember: MCNAMARA

Aye: 6

Nay: 0

Dated: 03/24/2026

	Aye	Nay		Aye	Nay
ANADIO	absent		ROWBACK	X	
BRAY	X		RUBSCHA	X	
HITCHCOCK	X		STOVER	X	
MCNAMARA	X				