

**RESOLUTION \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Town of Canton**  
**St. Lawrence County, New York**

**All Solar Energy Systems shall be required to enter into a contract with the Town for payments in lieu of taxes pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §487.**

WHEREAS, Section 487 of the Real Property Tax Law allows municipalities to require payment in lieu of tax agreements for the installation of Solar Energy Systems; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Canton believes payment in lieu of tax agreements are in the best interest of the residents of the Town; now therefore be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the owners and/or developers of all Solar Energy Systems shall be required to enter into a contract with the Town for payments in lieu of taxes pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §487. Upon the owner or developer providing written notification to the Town of its intent to construct a Solar Energy System, the Town or an employee, officer, or agent thereof shall notify such owner or developer in writing within sixty (60) days of its intent to require a contract for payments in lieu of taxes which shall include but not be limited to the following:

(1) In no event shall such payment in lieu of tax agreement operate for a period of more than fifteen (15) years, commencing in each instance from the date on which the benefits of such exemption first become available and effective under Real Property Tax Law §487.

(2) In no event shall such payment in lieu of tax agreement require annual payments in an amount that would exceed the amount that would otherwise be payable but for the exemption under Real Property Tax Law §487.

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Date

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Town of Canton  
by

**Propose Local Law No. \_\_\_\_ for 2021**

**Town of Canton, St. Lawrence County New York**

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Canton to amend the Town of Canton Local Law to Regulate Solar Energy Facilities in the Town as follows:

Add to Section C:

(7) The Town of Canton shall not permit any exemption within its jurisdiction pursuant to § 487 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York with respect to any energy system constructed or installed subsequent to the effective date hereof. The Town may, consistent with RPTL § 487, and other provisions of law and the implementing rules and regulations, enter into a payment in lieu of taxes agreement in respect of the installation of or improvements relating to any such facilities.