

**TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF DRESDEN
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, STATE OF NEW YORK**

Resolution No. 7 of 2026
Adopted July 20, 2026

Introduced by Councilwoman Borden
who moved its adoption

Seconded by Councilwoman Shad

**RESOLUTION INTRODUCING A PROPOSED LOCAL LAW
IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON LOCATING BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE
SYSTEMS AND DATA CENTERS IN THE TOWN OF DRESDEN**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 10 of the NYS Municipal Home Rule Law, the Town Board of the Town of Dresden (the “Town”) has the authority to adopt local laws to protect the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the Town; and

WHEREAS, a sudden increase in developmental pressures within the Town with respect to development of battery energy storage systems and data centers have given rise to concerns relative to the potential impacts of such systems on the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the Town; and

WHEREAS, battery energy storage systems and data centers present unique fire and safety concerns requiring additional research to evaluate these risks; and

WHEREAS, a proposed local law enacting a moratorium on locating battery energy storage systems and data centers in the Town has been prepared to address the concerns; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is desirous of proceeding with the review and consideration of this proposed local law, and the Town Board wishes to proceed with the consideration of such moratorium local law.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT:

RESOLVED, that a proposed local law imposing a moratorium on locating battery energy storage systems and data centers in the Town is hereby introduced. A public hearing shall be noticed and held by the Town Board on August 10, 2026 at 7:00 p.m at the Town Hall to consider the proposed local law. Copies of the Local Law shall be available at the Town Clerk’s office and/or via the Town’s website for review; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the consideration of such proposed local law is a Type II action in accordance with the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act regulations at 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(36); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to publish and post the requisite public hearing notices in accordance with the law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Councilman Wilbur AYE

Councilwoman Borden AYE

Councilwoman Shad AYE

Adopted the 20th day of July, 2026.

Marcinda Wilbur Town Clerk