LOCAL LAW 1 OF 2025 CONTINUING FOR THREE ADDITIONAL MONTHS THE MORATORIUM PROHIBITING COMMERCIAL WIND ENERGY AND SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS WITHIN THE TOWN OF STARK AS ENACTED BY LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2024

Be It Enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Stark as follows:

Section 1. Title and Authority. This Local Law shall be known as the Town of Stark Wind and Solar Moratorium Continuation Law. It is adopted pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Section 10.

Section 2. Moratorium Extension. The nine-month (9-month) moratorium on the consideration, receipt or granting of any new land use applications, and zoning changes or amendments to permit the siting or creation of 'Commercial Wind Generating Systems' or 'Commercial Solar Energy Systems' enacted by Local Law No. 1 of 2024 is continued for an additional three (3) months.

Section 3. Continuation of Local Law No. 1 of 2024. All provisions of Local Law No. 1 of 2024 shall continue in effect except that the nine-month duration of the moratorium is extended an additional three (3) months such that the moratorium shall remain in place for a total of twelve (12) months.

Section 4. Variance Procedure. The Town Board shall have exclusive authority, after a Public Hearing, to vary or modify the application of any provision of Local Law No. 1 of 2024, as continued by this Local Law, upon its determination that strict application of the moratorium would impose extraordinary hardship upon an applicant and that the variance granted would not adversely affect the health, safety or welfare of the citizens of the Town or significantly conflict with the general purposes and intent of this Local Law No. 1 of 2024 as continued by this Local Law. Any request for a variance shall be in writing and filed with the Town Clerk. The Town Board shall conduct a Public Hearing on any such application on not less than five (5) days public notice and shall make its decision within sixty (60) days after the close of the Public Hearing.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Local Law shall take effect upon filing with the office of the New York Secretary of State.