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Pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law §27

Local Law Number ascribed by the legislative body of the local government listed below:

1 of the year 20 26

Local Law Title: A local law regulating high-energy-intensive uses, including cryptocurrency mining operations,  
blockchain validation facilities, and large-scale data centers.

Be it enacted by the Common Council of the  
(Name of Legislative Body)

☐ County ☒ City ☐ Town ☐ Village  
(Select one)

of Plattsburgh as follows on the attached pages:  
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BE IT ENACTED by the Common Council of the City of Plattsburgh as follows:

## ARTICLE I

### LEGISLATIVE INTENT AND FINDINGS

#### § 1. Authority

This Local Law is adopted pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Law, General City Law, and the City's police powers to protect and promote the health, safety, welfare, economic stability, infrastructure integrity, and fiscal interests of the residents of the City of Plattsburgh.

This Local Law is further intended to regulate the allocation and consumption of finite municipal electric resources and to ensure that high-energy-intensive land uses provide commensurate economic benefit to the City and its residents.

#### § 2. Legislative Findings

The Common Council hereby finds and determines that:

1. The City operates a municipal electric utility system with finite generation, transmission, distribution, and infrastructure capacity.
2. The Municipal Lighting Department ("MLD") is required to manage electrical demand in a manner that protects:
  - a. System reliability;
  - b. Long-term infrastructure integrity;
  - c. Ratepayer affordability;
  - d. Available electric supply;
  - e. Public investment in municipal infrastructure; and
  - f. The City's economic development objectives.
3. Certain emerging industrial and commercial uses, including but not limited to:
  - a. Cryptocurrency mining operations;
  - b. Blockchain validation facilities;
  - c. Large-scale commercial data centers;
  - d. High-density computing facilities; and

e. Similar energy-intensive computing operations, consume extraordinarily large quantities of electricity while often employing relatively small numbers of workers.

4. Such uses may:

- a. Increase costs borne by municipal ratepayers;
  - b. Accelerate infrastructure wear and replacement needs;
  - c. Consume disproportionate shares of favorable-rate municipal electric supply;
  - d. Create electric capacity constraints;
  - e. Require substantial municipal infrastructure upgrades or advance expenditures;
  - f. Reduce the availability of municipal electric resources for other commercial, industrial, or residential uses;
  - g. Provide limited local economic benefit relative to their electrical consumption; and
  - h. Produce speculative or extractive economic activity inconsistent with the City's long-term planning objectives.
5. The Common Council further finds that the establishment of objective employment-to-energy-consumption standards constitutes a rational and measurable method of ensuring that high-energy-intensive uses provide substantial economic benefit proportional to the municipal resources consumed.
6. The Common Council further finds that this Local Law does not prohibit high-energy-intensive uses but instead establishes reasonable operational and permitting standards designed to protect municipal infrastructure and promote equitable allocation of municipal electric resources.
7. The Common Council further finds that municipal electric resources constitute a finite public asset held for the benefit of the residents and businesses of the City of Plattsburgh.
8. The Common Council further finds that consideration of employment generation, economic activity, infrastructure impacts, and community benefit are legitimate governmental interests when evaluating future large-scale consumption of municipal electric resources.

9. The Common Council further finds that existing lawful operations should be permitted to continue and that this Local Law is intended to operate prospectively with respect to future development and future increases in electrical demand.
10. The Common Council further finds that the proposed Local Law was referred to the Clinton County Planning Board pursuant to General Municipal Law §239-m and was determined to be a Local Issue.

### § 3. Purpose and Intent

The purposes of this Local Law are to:

1. Protect the integrity and reliability of the municipal electric system;
2. Protect City taxpayers and ratepayers from disproportionate infrastructure and energy costs;
3. Promote employment-generating economic activity;
4. Establish objective standards governing high-energy-intensive uses;
5. Ensure equitable economic return relative to municipal electric resource consumption;
6. Prevent unreasonable adverse impacts on municipal infrastructure and municipal electric capacity; and
7. Preserve the availability of municipal electric resources for diverse residential, commercial, governmental, educational, and industrial uses.
8. Preserve existing lawful operations while establishing standards applicable to future High-Energy-Intensive Uses and future increases in electrical demand.
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## ARTICLE II

### DEFINITIONS

#### § 4. Definitions

For purposes of this Local Law, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

##### A. “High-Energy-Intensive Use”

Any use, facility, operation, or portion thereof that:

1. Consumes; or

2. Is reasonably expected to consume,  
one (1) megawatt (“MW”) or more of electrical demand.

B. “Cryptocurrency Mining Operation”

A facility or use dedicated in whole or in part to:

1. Blockchain processing;
2. Cryptocurrency mining;
3. Digital asset validation;
4. Proof-of-work processing; or
5. Similar computational verification activity.

C. “Data Center”

A facility primarily utilized for:

1. Commercial server hosting;
2. Cloud computing services;
3. Data storage;
4. Data processing;
5. Artificial intelligence computing operations;
6. High-density computing operations; or
7. Similar large-scale computing activity.

D. “Employee”

A full-time equivalent (“FTE”) employee who:

1. Works a minimum average of thirty (30) hours per week; and
2. Performs work physically within the City of Plattsburgh.

E. “Employment-to-Energy Ratio”

The number of full-time equivalent employees per megawatt of electrical demand.

ARTICLE III

## APPLICABILITY

### § 5. Applicability

This Local Law shall apply to:

1. All new High-Energy-Intensive Uses;
2. Any expansion of an existing use that increases electrical demand to one (1) MW or greater; and
3. Any change in use resulting in electrical demand meeting or exceeding one (1) MW.

### § 5A. Existing Lawful Uses

- A. Any High-Energy-Intensive Use lawfully operating on the effective date of this Local Law shall be deemed a lawful pre-existing use and may continue operating notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter.
- B. Such operation shall not be required to obtain a permit under this chapter, satisfy employment thresholds, provide additional bonding, or otherwise comply with the operational requirements of this chapter unless:
  1. electrical demand is increased above the demand lawfully existing on the effective date of this chapter;
  2. the operation expands onto additional real property;
  3. the operation changes to a different High-Energy-Intensive Use classification; or
  4. the operation materially increases the intensity of its use.
- C. Routine maintenance, repair, replacement, modernization, upgrading, or replacement of equipment that does not increase authorized electrical demand shall not constitute an expansion, modification, or intensification of use.

## ARTICLE IV

### PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

### § 6. Minimum Employment Requirement

For purposes of this section, a covered facility shall maintain the following minimum number of full-time equivalent on-site employees:

1. 0 MW to 0.5 MW: no minimum employee requirement;
2. More than 0.5 MW but less than 1 MW: at least 6 full-time equivalent on-site employees;
3. 1 MW to less than 2 MW: at least 12 full-time equivalent on-site employees; and

4. 2 MW or more: at least 18 full-time equivalent on-site employees.

## ARTICLE V

### PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

#### § 7. Permit Required

1. No new High-Energy-Intensive Use or expansion subject to this chapter shall be established or operated without a permit approved by the Common Council and issued by the Code Enforcement Officer.
2. Issuance of a permit pursuant to this Local Law shall not create a vested right to continued allocation of municipal electric capacity, continued electrical service at any particular level, or continued operation in violation of subsequently adopted laws, regulations, utility requirements, infrastructure limitations, or lawful orders of the City.
3. All permits issued pursuant to this Local Law shall remain subject to the continuing police powers of the City and the lawful operational requirements of the Municipal Lighting Department.
4. The applicant shall bear the burden of demonstrating compliance with the requirements of this Local Law.
5. Operators subject to this Local Law shall annually provide documentation reasonably requested by the City or Municipal Lighting Department demonstrating continued compliance with this Local Law.

#### § 8. Surety Bond

1. As a condition of permit issuance and continued operation, the operator shall provide and maintain a surety bond in an amount determined by the Municipal Lighting Department based upon projected electrical demand, anticipated utility usage, and projected monthly utility charges as determined by the Municipal Lighting Department, or One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000), whichever is greater.
2. The City of Plattsburgh shall be named as the beneficiary of said surety bond. The surety bond shall be used solely for the purpose of securing the payment of utility bills by the operator of the facility.
3. In the event of a delinquency of a utility bill which lasts for more than thirty (30) days, the City of Plattsburgh shall be permitted to exercise any and all rights related to the surety bond.
4. In lieu of a security bond, a deposit of funds in an amount equal to the requirements of the surety bond shall be permitted.

## § 9. Aggregation of Related Operations

For purposes of determining applicability or compliance with this chapter, the City may aggregate electrical demand only where operations are under common ownership or common control and function as a single integrated business enterprise utilizing shared electrical infrastructure, management, or operational purpose.

Aggregation shall not occur solely because operations are located on adjacent parcels or because separate entities maintain contractual relationships with one another.

Any determination regarding aggregation shall be supported by written findings and substantial evidence in the record.

## ARTICLE VI

### ENFORCEMENT

## § 10. Enforcement

Violations of this Local Law may result in civil penalties, permit suspension or revocation, following notice and an opportunity to be heard.

## § 11. Notice and Opportunity to be Heard

1. Prior to the suspension or revocation of any permit issued pursuant to this Local Law, or prior to any limitation of electrical service authorized herein, the affected party shall receive:
  - a. Written notice of the alleged violation;
  - b. A reasonable opportunity to cure, where appropriate;
  - c. Notice of the date, time, and place of a hearing before the Common Council or its designee; and
  - d. An opportunity to present evidence and testimony.
2. Any determination made pursuant to this Local Law shall be supported by written findings of fact.
3. Determinations under this Local Law shall be subject to judicial review pursuant to Article 78 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules.
4. Nothing herein shall prevent the City or the Municipal Lighting Department from taking immediate temporary action reasonably necessary to protect municipal

infrastructure, electric system reliability, public safety, or the continuity of municipal utility operations.

5. Nothing herein shall be construed as authorizing the City to terminate, suspend, or limit electrical service except in accordance with applicable tariffs, utility regulations, and procedures otherwise governing municipal electric service.

## ARTICLE VII

### SEVERABILITY

#### § 12. Severability

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or portion of this Local Law shall be adjudged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof.

## ARTICLE VIII

### STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT (SEQRA)

#### § 13. Environmental Review

1. Adoption and administration of this Local Law shall be subject to the requirements of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") and its implementing regulations.
2. Prior to adoption of this Local Law, the Common Council shall undertake all required environmental review, including consideration of:
  - a. Municipal electric infrastructure impacts;
  - b. Energy consumption impacts;
  - c. Economic impacts upon municipal ratepayers and taxpayers;
  - d. Land use compatibility;
  - e. Infrastructure capacity constraints; and
  - f. Such other environmental and community impacts as may be required pursuant to SEQRA.

The Common Council hereby finds that protection of finite municipal electric resources, infrastructure reliability, and municipal utility capacity constitutes a legitimate governmental objective directly affecting the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City of Plattsburgh.

## ARTICLE IX

## LEGISLATIVE INTENT

### § 14 Legislative Intent

It is the intent of the Common Council that:

1. Existing lawful operations be permitted to continue;
2. This chapter operate prospectively;
3. The chapter apply to future High-Energy-Intensive Uses and future increases in electrical demand; and
4. Municipal electric resources be allocated in a manner that promotes economic activity, employment opportunity, infrastructure protection, and the general welfare of the City.

## ARTICLE X

### CODIFICATION

#### § 15. Codification

It is the intention of the Common Council of the City of Plattsburgh that the provisions of this Local Law shall become and be made a part of the Code of the City of Plattsburgh. The provisions of this Local Law may be renumbered, relettered, rearranged, or otherwise revised by the Code Publisher as necessary to accomplish such intention. References in this Local Law to sections, chapters, or other designations may be changed to conform to the organizational structure of the Code, and the word "Local Law" may be changed to "Chapter," "Article," "Section," or other appropriate designation.

## ARTICLE XI

### EFFECTIVE DATE

#### § 16. Effective Date

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

## Local Law Filing

(Complete the certification in the paragraph that applies to the filing of this local law and strike out that which is not applicable.)

### 1. (Final adoption by local legislative body only.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto ascribed as local law number \_\_\_\_\_ of 20\_\_\_\_ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of \_\_\_\_\_ was duly passed by the \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_ in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

(Name of Legislative Body)

### 2. (Passage by local legislative body with approval, no disapproval or repassage after disapproval by the Elective Chief Executive Officer\*.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, ascribed as local law number 1 of 2026 of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of Plattsburgh was duly passed by the Common Council on June 17 2026 and was (approved)(not approved)(repassed after disapproval) by the Mayor on June 17 2026 in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

(Name of Legislative Body)

(Elective Chief Executive Officer\*)

### 3. (Final adoption by referendum.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, ascribed as local law number \_\_\_\_\_ of 20\_\_\_\_ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of \_\_\_\_\_ was duly passed by the \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_ and was (approved)(not approved)(repassed after disapproval) by the \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_.

(Name of Legislative Body)

(Elective Chief Executive Officer\*)

Such local law was submitted to the people by reason of a (mandatory)(permissive) referendum, and received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon at the (general)(special)(annual) election held on \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_ in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

### 4. (Subject to permissive referendum and final adoption because no valid petition was filed requesting referendum.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, ascribed as local law number \_\_\_\_\_ of 20\_\_\_\_ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of \_\_\_\_\_ was duly passed by the \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_ and was (approved)(not approved)(repassed after disapproval) by the \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_. Such local law was subject to permissive referendum and no valid petition requesting such referendum was filed as of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_ in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

(Name of Legislative Body)

(Elective Chief Executive Officer\*)

\* Elective Chief Executive Officer means or includes the chief executive officer of a county elected on a county-wide basis or, if there be none, the chairperson of the county legislative body, the mayor of a city or village, or the supervisor of a town where such officer is vested with the power to approve or veto local laws or ordinances.

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## Local Law Filing

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**5. (City local law concerning Charter revision proposed by petition.)**

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, ascribed as local law number \_\_\_\_\_ of 20\_\_\_\_ of the City of \_\_\_\_\_ having submitted to referendum pursuant to the provisions of Section (36)(37) of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of such city voting thereon at the (special)(general) election held on \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_ became operative.

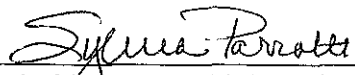
**6. (County local law concerning adoption of Charter.)**

I hereby certify that the local law annexed thereto, ascribed as local law number \_\_\_\_\_ of 20\_\_\_\_ of the County of \_\_\_\_\_ State of New York, having been submitted to the electors at the General Election of November \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_ pursuant to subdivisions 5 and 7 of section 33 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of the cities of said county as a unit and a majority of the qualified electors of the towns of said county considered as a unit voting at said general election, became operative.

**(If any other authorized form of final adoption has been followed, please provide an appropriate certification.)**

I further certify that I have compared the preceding local law with the original on file in this office and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of such original local law, and was finally adopted in the manner indicated in the paragraph 2 above.

(Seal)

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the county legislative body, City, Town or Village Clerk or  
officer designated by local legislative body

6/17/2026  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)