

LOCAL LAW # 3 OF 2026 IMPOSING A TWELVE (12)
MONTH MORATORIUM ON COMMERCIAL
DATA CENTERS IN THE TOWN OF SWEDEN

Be it enacted by the Sweden Town Board, County of Monroe, State of New York (hereinafter referred to as the Board), as follows:

SECTION 1. TITLE

This Local Law shall be referred to as the “Local Law Imposing a Twelve (12) Month Moratorium on Commercial Data Centers in the Town of Sweden”.

SECTION 2. AUTHORITY

This Local Law is imposed and enacted by the Board pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law Section 10 and New York State Constitution Article IX.

SECTION 3. PURPOSE AND INTENT

The Town of Sweden (hereinafter referred to as Sweden) notes that institutional and technological trends such as the growing demands of Artificial Intelligence and the increasing digitization of the economy have resulted in an exponential increase in demand for Commercial Data Centers to support this growth. Many of these facilities have been constructed in rural communities due to comparatively low cost of construction and ease of access to electrical grid capacity.

While Sweden appreciates the need for Commercial Data Centers and their potential to positively contribute to the local economy, Commercial Data Centers are not a use which was contemplated within Sweden’s Comprehensive Plan or Zoning Ordinance at the time of their adoption and such a use will need to be thoroughly studied for its potential impact to the Town before zoning for such a use can be developed. Commercial Data Centers are a new type of use and have potential for significant negative impacts such as increased energy usage, environmental impact, visual impact and community impact when weighed against the benefits to local communities. These complex issues must be evaluated for zoning to be implemented to regulate the use.

The Board believes that Sweden’s Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance should be reviewed as they pertain to these Commercial Data Centers to ensure that they are responsibly developed in our rural community as well as located in appropriate areas of Sweden to promote public health, welfare and safety. A moratorium is necessary to temporarily prohibit the establishment of Commercial Data Centers in Sweden to maintain the status quo while affording the Board sufficient time if necessary, amend the Comprehensive Plan and/or Zoning Ordinance and/or adopt new laws relating to Commercial Data Centers.

SECTION 4. MORATORIUM

For a twelve (12) month period from the effective date of this Local Law, the Board hereby imposes a moratorium on the acceptance by Sweden of any application(s) for the establishment, location, construction and/or operation of a Commercial Data Center.

SECTION 5. NO CONSIDERATION OF NEW APPLICATIONS

No application affected by this Local Law and/or for approvals for a site plan, subdivision, variance, special use permit or other permit shall be considered by any Board Officer or agency of Sweden while the moratorium imposed by this Local Law is in effect.

SECTION 6. TERM

The moratorium imposed by this Local Law shall be in effect for a period of one (1) year from the date of same as set forth hereinabove.

SECTION 7. VALIDITY

The invalidity of any provision of this Local Law shall not affect the validity of any other provision of this Local Law that can be given effect without said invalid provision.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Local Law shall take effect upon the date it is filed in the Office of the New York State Secretary of State in accordance with the Municipal Home Rule Law §27.

Dated: Brockport, New York
2026