

Business of the Village Board
Village of Saranac Lake

SUBJECT: Adopt STR Moratorium

DATE: 6-26-2023

DEPT OF ORIGIN: Mayor Williams

BILL # 87-2023

DATE SUBMITTED: 6/21/2023

EXHIBITS: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Village Attorney

Village Administration

EXPENDITURE
REQUIRED

AMOUNT
BUDGETED

APPROPRIATION
REQUIRED:

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION

MOVED BY: Scollin SECONDED BY: Catillaz

VOTE ON ROLL CALL:

MAYOR WILLIAMS

yes

TRUSTEE BRUNETTE

yes

TRUSTEE CATILLAZ

yes

TRUSTEE SCOLLIN

yes

TRUSTEE SHAPIRO

yes

VILLAGE OF SARANAC LAKE RESOLUTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED LOCAL LAW # 4
OF 2023 TO ESTABLISH A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM FOR NEW SHORT-TERM RENTALS

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Saranac Lake recently approved an amendment to Chapter 106, "Development Code," to allow for short-term Rentals, and,

WHEREAS, the Village Board wishes to enact a Temporary Moratorium on new STR permit applications while the Development Board processes applications for pre-existing STRs, and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of the proposed Local Law is to temporarily suspend the administrative review and approval process for new, initial applications to operate short term rentals in the Village of Saranac Lake to include both Special Use Permit applications and STR Permit applications as outlined in the Village of Saranac Lake Short-term Rental Law, and,

WHEREAS, the public hearing on the proposed Local Law was held on June 26, 2023, where all those wishing to be heard were given the opportunity, and,

WHEREAS, the Board previously determined that the adoption of the proposed Local Law is Action subject to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and issued a Negative Declaration pursuant to SEQRA.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees finds that the Proposed Local Law is consistent and in conformance with the goals and objectives of LWRP policies and standards.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves and adopts Local Law # ____ of 2023, Moratorium for New STRs.

Local Law Filing

(Use this form to file a local law with the Secretary of State.)

Text of law should be given as amended. Do not include matter being eliminated and do not use italics or underlining to indicate new matter.

County City Town Village
(Select one:)

of Saranac Lake

Local Law No. 4 of the year 2023

A local law Temporary Moratorium on New Short-term Rentals
(Insert Title)

Be it enacted by the Board of Trustees of the
(Name of Legislative Body)

County City Town Village
(Select one:)

of Saranac Lake as follows:

See Attached Law

(If additional space is needed, attach pages the same size as this sheet, and number each.)

(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, designated as local law No. 4 of 2023 of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of Saranac Lake was duly passed by the Board of Trustees on JUNE 26 2023, 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, designated as local law No. _____ 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 _____ and was deemed duly adopted on _____ 20____, 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, designated as local law No. _____ 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, designated as local law No. _____ 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.

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

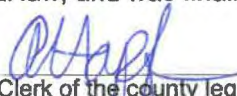
I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 20____ of the City of _____ having been submitted to referendum pursuant to the provisions of section (36)(37) of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified 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 hereto, designated as local law No. _____ 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 paragraph _____ above.



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

Date:

10/28/23

(Seal)

VILLAGE OF SARANAC LAKE
LOCAL LAW NO. # 4 OF 2023

To enact a moratorium in the form of a local law in order to temporarily suspend the issuance of new, initial Short Term Rental Permits in the Village of Saranac Lake

Section 1. Title:

This law shall be known as the Moratorium Law of 2023 of the Village of Saranac Lake.

Section 2. Purpose and Intent:

The purpose of this Moratorium is to temporarily suspend the administrative review and approval process for new, initial applications to operate short term rentals (STRs) in the Village of Saranac Lake, to include both Special Use Permit applications and STR Permit applications as outlined in Village of Saranac Lake Local Law No. _____ of 2023. The Village recently adopted a Local Law to amend the Village of Saranac Lake Unified Development Code, which Local Law authorizes pre-existing STRs to continue to operate, and to apply for a Special Use Permit for a minor project from the Village of Saranac Lake Development Board within 60 days of the effective date of the Local Law. The Village is uncertain how many applications will be submitted for pre-existing STRs. Thus, this Moratorium is appropriate so that the Village may have the time necessary to receive and evaluate applications for pre-existing STRs before receiving applications for new STRs. Such effort is advisable given potential development pressures for this type of use in the Village of Saranac Lake.

Section 3. Authority:

This Moratorium is enacted by the Village Board of the Village of Saranac Lake pursuant to its authority to adopt local laws under the New York State Constitution Article IX, the Village Law and Section 10 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Section 4. Moratorium Imposed:

For the period of eighteen (18) months immediately following the effective date of this Local Law, there is hereby imposed a Moratorium on all new, initial applications to operate STRs in the Village of Saranac Lake, to include both Special Use Permit applications and STR Permit applications as outlined in Village of Saranac Lake Local Law No. _____ of 2023; and that no approvals, permits, actions or decisions shall be made or issued by any Board or official of the Village of Saranac Lake with respect to any such applications. This Moratorium shall apply to all such applications, whether pending or received prior to the effective date of this law. No such applications shall be accepted by any Board or official of the Village of Saranac Lake while this law remains in effect. Pre-existing STRs, as defined in Section 5 of Local Law No. _____ of 2023, shall not be subject to this moratorium. Exemptions may be granted by the Board of Trustees under special circumstances such

as new construction and rehabilitation of a derelict or dilapidated building. Any exemption granted by the Board of Trustees shall first require a public hearing.

Section 5. Effect of Moratorium:

Upon the effective date of this Local Law, no Board, body or official of the Village shall accept for review, continue to review, hold a hearing upon, make any decision upon, or issue any permit or approval upon any application or proposal for the uses, projects or developments set forth in Section 4 above. Any statutory or locally-enacted time periods for processing and making decisions on all aspects of the aforesaid applications are hereby suspended and stayed while this Local Law is in effect.

Section 6. Effective Date:

This local law shall take effect once filed with the office of the New York State Secretary of State.