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Town of Watson

Local Law No. 1 of the year 2018

A local law To opt out of the solar and wind energy or farm waste energy exemption in

(Insert Title)

Section 487(8) of the Real Property Tax Law

Town Board of the
Be It enacted by the

(Name of Legislative Body)

Town of Watson as follows:

Local Law #1 2018

A Local Law “To opt out of the solar and wind energy or farm waste energy exemption in Section 487(8) of the Real Property Tax Law

Article I. Statement of Authority. The Town Board of the Town of Watson, pursuant to the authority granted to it under Section 487 of the Real Property Tax Law and the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York, hereby enacts as follows:

Article II. Statement of Purpose and Findings. The Town Board of the Town of Watson, finds that it is in the best interest of the Town of Watson, its citizens, and its tax base, to opt out of the solar and wind energy or farm waste energy tax exemption in accordance with the provisions contained in Real Property Tax Law Section 487 (8), and enact legislation providing that no exemption under Real Property Tax Law Section 487 shall be applicable within the Town of Watson with respect to any solar or wind energy system, or farm waste energy system constructed subsequent to the effective date of this local law. It is the purpose of this local law to opt out of the exemption provisions of Section 487 of the Real Property Tax Law regarding exemption from taxation for certain solar or wind or farm waste energy systems.

Article III. Enactment. The Town Board of the Town of Watson hereby enacts this local law which is stated as follows:

After the effective date of this local law, no exemption under Section 487 of the Real Property Tax Law shall be applicable in the Town of Watson for solar and wind energy systems or farm energy waste systems, including but not limited to micro-hydroelectric energy systems, micro-combined heat and power generating systems, and electric energy storage systems.

Article IV. Severability. If any part of this local law shall be found to be void, voidable, or unenforceable for any reason whatsoever, then such finding shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any remaining section or provision of this local law.

Article V. Effective Date. This local law shall become effective immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State. The town clerk shall also file a copy of this local law with the President of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority and the Commissioner of the Department of Taxation and Finance.