

**LOCAL LAW NO. \_\_\_ OF THE YEAR 2026**

**TOWN OF CAMBRIA**

**COUNTY OF NIAGARA, STATE OF NEW YORK**

**A Local Law Establishing a Moratorium on all Artificial Intelligence and/or Internet Data Centers within the Town for a Period of Nine Months**

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Cambria as follows:

**SECTION 1. PURPOSE AND INTENT**

The purpose of this Local Law is to amend the Code of the Town of Cambria to impose a moratorium on the processing, permitting and/or construction of all Artificial Intelligence and/or Data Centers within the Town for a period of nine (9) months. An “Artificial Intelligence and/or Internet Data Center” is defined as a facility, structure, or group of structures used for the central housing, interconnection, and operation of IT and network telecommunications equipment to provide data storage, processing, or transport. It includes all related infrastructure for power distribution, cooling, and security. A moratorium will grant the Town Board ample time to examine, draft, review, and adopt an effective updated policy regarding such Artificial Intelligence and/or Internet Data Centers, and ensure adequate restrictions and regulations are placed as may be necessary to promote and preserve the health, safety and welfare of the Town of Cambria and its citizens.

**SECTION 2. FINDINGS.**

The Town Board hereby finds that without a temporary halt on the processing, permitting, and approvals for Artificial Intelligence and/or Internet Data Centers, there is the potential that such uses could be located in unsuitable areas within the Town or installed in such a manner so as to alter the fabric of the community. Such uses could have materially adverse and irreversible impacts on the Town, and may threaten the health, safety or welfare of the Town’s citizens.

The Town Board also finds that it is in need of additional time to perform the necessary analysis of the potential types, sizes and scales of Artificial Intelligence and/or Internet Data Centers that may be appropriate to meet the needs of the community and provide for the planned orderly growth and development of the Town.

**SECTION 3. MORATORIUM IMPOSED; APPLICABILITY.**

For the period of nine (9) months, commencing on the effective date of this Local Law, or until such time as the Town of Cambria passes a further Local Law directly addressing Artificial Intelligence and/or Internet Data Centers, whichever is sooner, there shall be a moratorium on the processing, permitting, and/or construction of all Artificial Intelligence and/or Internet Data Centers within the Town of Cambria.

#### **SECTION 4. TERM.**

This law shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the Town Board, as provided by the law and shall remain in full force and effect for a period of nine (9) months from its effective date.

#### **SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY**

The invalidity of any word, section, clause, paragraph, sentence or part or provision of this Local Law shall not affect the validity or any other part of this Local Law which shall be in effect.