

**TOWN OF ONONDAGA
TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION**

September 21, 2026

TOWN OF ONONDAGA LOCAL LAW NO. C OF 2026

("A Local Law Imposing a Twelve (12) Month Moratorium on Commercial Cryptocurrency Mining Operations, Data Mining, Data Processing Centers and Data Storage Facilities Within the Town of Onondaga")

The following resolution was offered by Councilor _____, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilor _____, to wit:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law, a proposed local law titled Local Law No. C-2026, "A Local Law Imposing a Twelve (12) Month Moratorium on Commercial Cryptocurrency Mining Operations, Data Mining, Data Processing Centers and Data Storage Facilities Within the Town of Onondaga," was presented and introduced at a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Onondaga held on August 17, 2026; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on such proposed local law on this 21st day of September 2026 by the Town Board of the Town of Onondaga and proof of publication of notice of such public hearing, as required by law, having been submitted and filed, and all persons desiring to be heard in connection with said proposed local law having been heard, and said proposed local law having been in the possession of the members of the Town Board of the Town of Onondaga in its final form in the manner required by Section 20 of the Municipal Home Rule of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the enactment of Local Law No. C-2026 has previously been determined to be Type II action under SEQR, thus concluding the environmental review process; and

WHEREAS, Local Law No. C-2026 was duly referred to the Onondaga County Planning Board ("OCPB") for review pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 239-m and -n, and,

pursuant to Case No. Z-26-217, dated September 16, 2026, the OCPB returned the matter for local determination, with no position taken; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to enact said Local Law No. C-2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Onondaga, Onondaga County, New York, does hereby enact Local Law No. C-2026 as Local Law No. 3-2026 as follows:

**“TOWN OF ONONDAGA
LOCAL LAW NO. 3-2026**

A Local Law Imposing a Twelve (12) Month Moratorium on Commercial Cryptocurrency Mining Operations, Data Mining, Data Processing Centers, and Data Storage Facilities Within the Town of Onondaga

Be it enacted as follows:

Section 1: Intent

It is the intent of the Town Board of the Town of Onondaga to impose a twelve (12) month moratorium on the development, construction or use of Commercial Cryptocurrency Mining Operations, Data Mining, Data Processing Centers, and Data Storage Facilities within the Town of Onondaga. This local law is enacted under the authority of Section 10 of the New York Municipal Home Rule Law.

Section 2: Legislative Purpose

The Town Board of the Town of Onondaga finds that it is in the best interest of the Town of Onondaga to enact a moratorium on any new Commercial Cryptocurrency Mining Operations, Data Mining, Data Processing Centers and Data Storage Facilities, which consist of buildings containing numerous servers and which have high demand for energy, cooling, and water mechanisms, and can result in disturbing noise generation. The Town Board recognizes the potential impact of Commercial Cryptocurrency Mining Operations, Data Processing Centers, Data Mining and Data Storage Facilities on the Town’s infrastructure, environment, public health and safety, and welfare of its residents. Accordingly, it is the purpose of this temporary moratorium to provide the Town Board with sufficient time to study and address any concerns, including, but not limited to, zoning, environmental impacts, public safety, and economic implications resulting from Commercial Cryptocurrency Mining Operations, Data Mining, Data Processing Centers and Data Storage Facilities.

Section 3: Definitions

COMMERCIAL CRYPTOCURRENCY MINING: The commercial process by which cryptocurrency transactions are verified and added to the public ledger, known as the block chain,

and also the means through which new units of cryptocurrencies are released, through the use of Data Processing Centers employing data processing equipment.

CRYPTOCURRENCY: A digital currency in which encryption techniques are used to regulate the generation of units of currency and verify the transfer of funds, operating independently of a central bank.

CRYPTOCURRENCY DATA MINE: A specific type of data center using a facility or use of land, buildings, or structures where computing equipment is used to solve complex mathematical algorithms in connection with verifying and adding transactions to a blockchain or other distributed ledger, commonly known as cryptocurrency mining. For purposes of this law, a cryptocurrency data mining operation shall be considered a distinct land use, different from a data center as defined in this section.

DATA MINING: The process of using multiple computers to store or warehouse data, discover patterns in large data sets involving methods that are applied to extract data patterns, and transform it into an understandable structure for further use. For purposes of this definition, any equipment which requires a High-Density Load Service, or any Server Farm, will presumably be a commercial data mining operation.

DATA PROCESSING CENTER: A building, dedicated space within a building, or group of structures used to house a large group of computer systems and associated components, such as telecommunications and data processing systems, to be used for the remote storage, processing, or distribution of large amounts of data. Examples of such data include, but are not limited to, computationally intensive applications such as blockchain technology, cryptocurrency mining, weather modeling, genome sequencing, etc. Such facilities may also include air handlers, power generators, water cooling and storage facilities, utility substations, and other associated utility infrastructure to support operations.

DATA STORAGE FACILITIES: A building, or structure, or partial use of a building or structure, used to store, manage, process, or transmit digital data for business uses, including computers, network equipment, systems, servers, and other associated components related to the digital data storage and operations that is secondary, subordinate and customarily incidental to and located on the same lot as the principal use of a property. Such a use cannot operate as an independent principal use.

HIGH DENSITY LOAD SERVICE: The provision of electrical service where the requested load density has, for any monthly billing period, either an average power demand in excess of 300 kilowatts, or an average power density in excess of 250 kilowatt-hours per year per square foot of the leased or owned boundaries of floor space devoted to operating the data processing equipment, and excludes space used for offices, storage, and other non-electronic processing uses.

SERVER FARM: Three (3) or more interconnected computers housed together in a single facility whose primary function is to perform cryptocurrency mining or associated data processing.

Section 4: Moratorium

A. The Town Board hereby enacts a moratorium which shall prohibit the development or construction of any Commercial Cryptocurrency Mining Operations, Cryptocurrency Data Mine, Data Mining, Data Processing Centers and Data Storage Facilities in the Town of Onondaga.

B. This moratorium shall be in effect for a period of twelve (12) months from the effective date of this Local Law and shall expire on the earlier of: (i) the date twelve (12) months from said effective date of this Local Law, unless renewed; or (ii) the enactment by Town Board of a resolution indicating the Town Board is satisfied that the need for the moratorium no longer exists.

C. This moratorium shall apply to all real property within the Town of Onondaga.

D. Commercial Cryptocurrency Mining Operations, Data Mining, Data Processing Centers and Data Storage Facilities within the Town of Onondaga which have previously been approved or are located on Town-owned property are hereby expressly excluded from this moratorium, and may be sited, placed, installed, constructed, erected and operated in accordance with approved plans. Further modification, alteration or enlargement of previously approved Commercial Cryptocurrency Mining Operations, Data Mining, Data Processing Centers and/or Data Storage Facilities is prohibited while the moratorium is in effect.

Section 5: Relief from Provisions of this Local Law

A. The Town Board reserves to itself the power to vary or adapt the strict application of the requirements of this local law in the case of unusual hardship which would deprive the owner of all reasonable use of the lands involved.

B. Application for relief shall be filed in triplicate with the Town Code Enforcement Office together with a filing fee of \$250.00. The application shall specifically identify the property involved, recite the circumstances pursuant to which the relief is sought and the reasons for which the relief is claimed. Any costs, including expert consulting fees or attorneys' fees, incurred by the Town, shall be reimbursed to the Town by the Applicant. The Town Board shall apply Use Variance criteria as set forth in the New York State Town Law, Section 267-b (2) in reviewing any application for relief.

C. The Town Board may refer any applications for relief herein to the Town Planning Board and/or Town Zoning Board of Appeal for its advice and recommendations, but all decisions on granting or denying such relief shall be made solely by the Town Board after determining whether or not the requested relief is compatible with any contemplated amendments to the Town Zoning Law. Unless completely satisfied that the proposed relief is compatible, the Town Board shall deny the application.

D. The Town Board shall conduct a public hearing on any request for relief within forty-five (45) days of receipt by the Town Code Enforcement Office and shall issue its final decision on requests for relief within thirty (30) days from the date of the public hearing.

Section 6: Penalties

Any person, firm or corporation that shall establish, place, construct, enlarge, erect or engage in any Commercial Cryptocurrency Mining Operations, Data Mining, Data Processing Centers and/or Data Storage Facilities in violation of the provisions of this local law or shall otherwise violate any of the provisions of this local law shall be subject to:

A. A fine not to exceed One Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisonment for a term not to exceed fifteen (15) days, or both. Each day a violation continues shall be considered a new violation.

B. A civil action inclusive of injunctive relief in favor of the Town to cease any and all such actions which conflict with this local law and, if necessary, to remove any constructions, improvements, or related items or byproducts which may have taken place in violation of this local law.

Section 7: Enforcement

This local law shall be enforced by the Code Enforcement Office of the Town of Onondaga or such other zoning enforcement individual(s) as designated by the Town Board. It shall be the duty of the enforcement individual(s) to advise the Town Board of all matters pertaining to the enforcement of this local law.

Section 8: Validity & Severability

If any section or part of this local law is declared invalid or unconstitutional, it shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity, force, or affect any other section of this local law.

Section 9: Effective Date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon passage and thereafter shall be filed with the New York State Department of State and shall remain in force and effect for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of passage.”

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

John Wheatley	Councilor	Voted	Yes/No
Lisa Goodwin	Councilor	Voted	Yes/No
Kathy Fedrizzi	Councilor	Voted	Yes/No
Ellen Magnarelli Terrien	Councilor	Voted	Yes/No
John P. Mahar	Supervisor	Voted	Yes/No

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Dated: September 21, 2026

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF ONONDAGA) ss.:

I, the undersigned Town Clerk of the Town of Onondaga, Onondaga County, New York,
DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

That I have compared the foregoing Resolution with the original thereof on file in my office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Onondaga, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original and of the whole of said original so far as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that all members of said Board had due notice of said meeting and that, pursuant to Section 103 of the Public Officers Law, said meeting was open to the general public.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Town of September __, 2026.

s/JANET HILLERY
Town Clerk

(SEAL)