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~~County~~ of Bethlehem
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Local Law No. of 5 2020

A local law Residential Land Use Moratorium for 12-month period during preparation of
Comprehensive Plan Update

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the

~~County~~ of Bethlehem as follows:
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BE IT ENACTED BY, the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem as follows:

Section 1. PURPOSE

On August 24, 2005, the Town Board adopted its first Comprehensive Plan, which provided a vision for the Town up to year 2020. The 2005 Comprehensive Plan recommended that, within 5 to 10 years of its adoption, a progress report be produced to review the degree to which the plan recommendations had been implemented and to identify possible topics and areas that should be revisited and updated. Progress reports were completed in 2007 and 2013, the latest review reflecting 7 years ago. NYS Town Law 272-a (10) provides for a periodic review of a Comprehensive Plan.

The Town's current Comprehensive Plan and progress reports have provided the Town's elected and appointed officials with valuable context and guidance for development-related decisions and capital investment. However, now that the 2005 Comprehensive Plan is nearly 15 years old and the community faces new challenges and opportunities from an ever changing world, the Town is undertaking a complete update of the Comprehensive Plan. Updating the comprehensive plan requires a thorough and inclusive community discussion about the current state of the town, the community's values and aspirations for the future, and the strategies that should be used or actions that should be taken to achieve the community's vision for the future.

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