

Small Clean Energy Siting & Permitting

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The Climate Act (Chapter 239 of Acts of 2024) - Impact on Local Bylaws/Ordinanc es

- **What does it do:**
 - Single Permit Application
 - Single Permit Decision
 - Expedites Local Permitting (12 Months)
 - Single Appeal
- **What it does not do:**
 - Does not change Zoning Act
 - Does not change local laws
 - Does not require new local laws

Local Considerati ons

- **Adopt a new bylaw/ordinance?**
 - General or
 - Zoning
 - Or both?
- **Consider all local permits:**
 - Variance
 - Site Plan Review
 - Special Permit
 - Order of Conditions
 - Other

Required Actions

- **With or without a new bylaw/ordinance:**
 - “Local Government Representative” is CAO or “designees”
 - Identify designees
 - May have more than one
 - Coordinate local permitting to meet 12-month deadline
 - Out of caution, consider developing internal processes to issue local permit decisions within 10 months

Local Considerations for Bylaws/Ordinances

- **New Bylaw/Ordinance may:**
 - Identify “Local Government Representative” designees
 - Set permit fees
 - Detail the review process by local boards & officials
 - Outline process & timeline to compile the individual decisions and issue consolidated decision in 12 months
- **NOTE:** No extensions allowed – Act requires completion of process within 12 months

Local Considerations for Bylaws/Ordinan ces (Continued)

- **New bylaw/ordinance may:**
 - Require Community Benefits Plan/Agreement
 - Require impact-mitigation measures
 - Require peer-review consultant fees
 - Include decommissioning, abandonment, and surety provisions
 - Establish or cross-reference existing standards/criteria from other local regulations (setbacks, studies, criteria for approval, etc.)