

Prohibition of photovoltaic energy storage



Overview

In a case of first impression, Land Court Judge Lauren Reznick ruled on summary judgment that standalone battery energy storage facilities are protected from unreasonable local zoning restrictions under G. 40A, § 3, paragraph 9 (the "Solar Zoning Provision") as "structures that.

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Opposition to Renewable Energy Facilities in the United States: June

This edition identifies at least 395 local restrictions across 41 states, in addition to 19 state-level restrictions, that are so severe that they could have the effect of blocking a renewable

[Over 50 House Republicans urge Trump administration](#)

More than 50 House Republicans are urging the Trump administration to prohibit the import of solar and battery energy storage inverters



About Prohibition , US House of Representatives: History, Art & Archives

Congress passed the 18th Amendment-the constitutional amendment known as Prohibition-on December 18, 1917. But before it could be added to the Constitution, three-fourths of the states

Prohibition Era in the United States

Prohibition (1920-1933) banned alcohol, spurred organized crime and speakeasies, and ended with the 21st Amendment's repeal.



[State by State: An Updated Roadmap](#)



[Through the](#)

Energy storage resources have become an increasingly important component of the energy mix as traditional fossil fuel baseload energy resources

[Prohibiting Non-Accessory BESS Violates Massachusetts Law](#)

The new zoning bylaw sought to impose operational requirements on BESS, including a prohibition of BESS that are not accessory to solar installations: "Battery energy storage units shall



Massachusetts Attorney General Supports Battery Storage Systems

On March 1, 2023, Massachusetts Attorney General Andrea Joy Campbell's Municipal Law Department issued a decision (pdf) disapproving two sections of the Town of Wendell's

Prohibition in the Federal Courts: A Timeline , Federal Judicial Center

In the standard historical narrative, national Prohibition began on January 17, 1920, the date the Eighteenth Amendment and its enforcement vehicle, the National Prohibition Act, or Volstead Act,



[How we tallied local bans, limits on renewable energy](#)

USA TODAY's analysis found 15% of counties nationwide now have some impediment to new utility-scale wind and solar energy. Gauging those



Prohibition , Definition, History, Eighteenth Amendment, & Repeal

Prohibition, legal prevention of the manufacture, sale, and transportation of alcoholic beverages in the United States from 1920 to 1933 under the terms of the Eighteenth Amendment.



Prohibition in the United States

The Prohibition era was the period from 1920 to 1933 when the United States prohibited the production, importation, transportation, and sale of alcoholic beverages.

Prohibition and Its Effects , Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History

The Prohibition Amendment had profound consequences: it made brewing and distilling illegal, expanded state and federal government, inspired new forms of sociability between men and women,



[Solar PV & Battery Energy Storage System \(BESS\) Model Bylaws](#)

"no zoning ordinance or by-law shall prohibit or unreasonably regulate the installation of solar energy systems or the building of structures that facilitate the collection of solar energy, except where

[Prohibition: A Case Study of Progressive Reform](#)

Herbert Hoover called prohibition a "noble experiment," but the effort to regulate people's behavior soon ran into trouble. Enforcement of prohibition became very difficult.



The Prohibition Era in US History

A definition and summary of the Prohibition Era in US History, including the years it took place, speakeasies, bootleggers, and more.

[US restarts solar, storage permitting but agency gaps](#)

The U.S. has resumed permitting of solar and storage on federal land but developers face a lack of agency staff and uncertainty over tax credits.



[What Was Prohibition, America's Failed 'Noble Experiment'?](#)

Prohibition was a strange time in American history. Ultimately a social experiment, Prohibition was a constitutional attempt to legislate morality that came with many unintended

In a First, Land Court Rules that Standalone Battery Energy Storage

The novel issue before Judge Reznik was whether a standalone battery energy storage system (i.e., one not directly connected to solar panels) qualifies for these statutory protections.





[Roots of Prohibition , Prohibition , Ken Burns , PBS](#)

The story of the rise, rule, and fall of prohibition and the entire era it encompassed. Learn more about the temperance movement and more on this page.

Massachusetts AGO Rejects Yet Another Municipal Solar and Battery

On March 11, 2026, the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office ("AGO") disapproved a proposed temporary zoning moratorium on large-scale solar installations and battery energy storage systems



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