

# Prohibition of photovoltaic energy storage



## Overview

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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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