

# Town of Denning

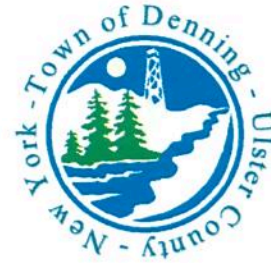
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April 14, 2022

The Honorable Kathy Hochul  
Governor of New York State  
NYS Capitol Building  
Albany, NY 12224

NYS Climate Action Council  
Attn: Basil Seggos – Co-Chair  
Attn: Doreen M. Harris – Co-Chair  
625 Broadway  
Albany, NY 12233-0001

Senator Michael Martucci  
188 State Street  
Legislative office Building, Room 415  
Albany, NY 12247

Senator Michelle Hinchey  
198 State Street  
Legislative Office Building, Room 902


Assemblyman Brian Miller  
Legislative Office Building 544  
Albany, NY 12248

Re: Potential Ban on Wood Burning in New York State as Proposed by the NYS Climate Action Council

Honorable Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have enclosed Town of Denning Resolution No. 37 of 2022 Opposing the Potential Ban on Wood Burning in New York State as Proposed by the Climate Action Council. This Resolution was adopted by the Town of Denning Town Board at their meeting on April 12, 2022.

Sincerely,

*David Brooks* 

DAVID BROOKS

Supervisor

Town of Denning, Ulster County, NY

Encls.

**OPPOSING THE POTENTIAL BAN ON WOOD BURNING IN NEW YORK  
AS PROPOSED BY THE CLIMATE ACTION COUNCIL**

**WHEREAS** on July 18, 2019, the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (Climate Act) was signed into law in New York State, and is considered among the most ambitious climate laws in the world and requires New York to reduce economy-wide greenhouse gas emissions 40% by 2030 and no less than 85% by 2050 from 1990 levels, and

**WHEREAS** Senate bill S6599 and Assembly Bill A8429, "An act to amend the environmental conservation law, the public service law, the public authorities law, the labor law, and the community risk and resilience act, in relation to establishing the New York State climate leadership and community protection act" was passed by the Senate and Assembly and signed by the Governor, and

**WHEREAS**, The Climate Action Council is researching ways to limit greenhouse gas emissions and achieve the goals of The Climate Act; and in a draft plan, members of the advisory panel to the Climate Action Council describe scenarios where wood consumption decreases within that time frame, and this could mean a potential future ban on wood-burning stoves, and in an additional reduction effort, the possible elimination of natural gas hookups, and

**WHEREAS**, winters in Upstate New York are long and cold, and many people in the Town of Denning and other rural communities rely on wood-burning stoves for heat, and taking away an affordable heating source could be detrimental to many families who depend on burning wood as the sole source of heat in their homes, and

**WHEREAS**, a ban on wood burning would have a major impact on many Town of Denning households who rely on wood burning stoves for cooking, and cost-effective energy for heat and hot water,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Denning Town Board opposes the potential ban on wood burning in New York State as proposed by the Climate Action Council, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the Climate Actions Council will hold a 120-day public comment period, beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, and will hold at least six (6) public hearings across the State, both in-person and virtual, and the Town of Denning Town Board encourages Denning citizens to voice their concerns at

[www.nyserda.seamlessdocs.com/f/DraftScopingComments](http://www.nyserda.seamlessdocs.com/f/DraftScopingComments)

or email [scopingplan@nyserda.ny.gov](mailto:scopingplan@nyserda.ny.gov)

or by mail to: Draft Scoping Plan Comments, NYSERDA, 17 Columbia Circle, Albany, New York 12203-6399, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to New York State Climate Action Council Co-Chairs, DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos and NYSERDA President and CEO Doreen M. Harris; Governor Kathy Hochul, Senator Michael Martucci, Senator Michelle Hinchey, and Assemblyman Brian Miller.

**Whereupon**, the Resolution was put to a vote, and recorded as follows:

Motion to adopt and approve made by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Mike Dean  
Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Mike Dean	AYE	Councilman Paul Schoonmaker	AYE
Councilman Kevin Smith	AYE	Councilman Gregory Vurckio	Absent
Supervisor David Brooks	AYE		

Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

THIS IS A TRUE AND CERTIFIED  
COPY OF RECORDS FILED IN THE  
TOWN OF DENNING, ULSTER  
COUNTY, NY

*Nancy Parrow, Town Clerk*  
*4/14/2022*