

Citizen/Business/Environment Protection Comparison of Model Wind Law vs Select NNY Town Wind Laws

	Model Wind Law	Clayton Wind Laws	Orleans Wind Law	Lyme Wind Law
Property Value	Excellent	Weak	None	None
Setbacks	5280 feet	1250 feet	2250 feet	2640 feet
Acoustics	35 dBA	45 dBA	35-45+ dBA	30-35 dBA
Environmental	Excellent	Average	Average	Average
Decommission	Excellent	Good	Very Good	Excellent
Escrow	Excellent	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal
Miscellaneous	Some Extras	Basic	Basic	Basic
Height Limit	500 Feet	500 Feet	400 Feet	400 Feet

Some Notes —

Property Value: developer reimburses nearby property owners for property value loss due to turbines, based on appraisals.

Setbacks are to *property lines*. Several studies show setbacks less than 1 mile expose nearby residents to health risks.

The Acoustic limit of 45 dBA is *10 times louder than 35 dBA*, and does *not* provide needed infrasound protection.

Model requires independent Environmental testing; others don't. [Note: heavy reliance on SEQRA is not advisable.]

Decommissioning should have guaranteed funds, and not be net.

Escrow: a \$50k balance to pay for all related Town expenditures.

"Extras" include liability insurance, indemnification, etc.

See the *Wind Law Options* document at WiseEnergy.org/legal-matters for information about the basic rationale for each of these provisions, including model words for each of these items. These are based on what has been successful in other North American communities.