

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE
No. 2026-XX**

**AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT TO
CHAPTER 28
OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE BRISTOL TOWN CODE**

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CHAPTER 28 – ZONING

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IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Town Council of Bristol, Rhode Island, that Chapter 28 of the Ordinances of the Town of Bristol be amended as follows:

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ARTICLE I. – IN GENERAL

Sec. 28-1. Definitions.

Amend as follows:

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Data center means a room, building, structure, facility, or group of facilities designed, constructed, or operated as a principal use for the primary purpose of housing computer systems, servers, network equipment, and associated infrastructure for the storage, processing, transmission, or management of digital data or applications, at a scale and intensity substantially greater than that customarily associated with general office, institutional, commercial, or industrial uses. This term includes facilities supporting enterprise computing, colocation services, cloud computing, artificial intelligence processing, edge computing, or similar high-intensity computing operations, whether operated for a single user or multiple users, and whether permanent, modular, or temporary in nature. This term does not include server rooms or information technology infrastructure that is customarily incidental and subordinate to another permitted principal use.

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ARTICLE III. – PERMITTED USES

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Sec. 28-82. Use Regulations.

Amend the Permitted Use Table as Follows:

ZONING DISTRICTS	R- 80	R- 40	R- 20	R- 15	R-10 R- 10SW R-8	R- 6	LB	GB	D	W†	M	OS	EI	HPC	MMU	PI
INDUSTRIAL																
<u>Data center</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>

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This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

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