



STAFF REPORT
8/26/2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Gustavo J. Romo, City Manager

PREPARED BY: Kendra Reif, Community Development Director

SUBJECT: Second Reading of Ordinance No. 1231 Adding Chapter 17.92 to Title XVII of the Coachella Municipal Code to Prohibit Data Center Uses Within the City of Coachella

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council conduct the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 1231, thus completing the adoption of the Ordinance adding Chapter 17.92 to Title XVII of the Coachella Municipal Code to Prohibit Data Center Uses Within the City of Coachella.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY/BACKGROUND:

On August 12, 2026, the City Council held a public hearing regarding the Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance No. 1231, which proposes a City-wide prohibition on Data Center Uses. Following publication of the staff report, City staff reviewed the public comments received and noticed several recurring requests regarding the proposed ordinance. In response, and in consultation with the City Attorney's Office, staff made several revisions to provide additional clarity and to address public comments, while maintaining the ordinance's overall purpose of prohibiting Data Center Uses within the City. The revised ordinance was highlighted in staff's presentation and copies of the updated version of the ordinance was made available to the City Council and public during the meeting. The ordinance, as introduced and voted on by Council, is provided as Attachment 1 to this staff report.

The August 12th public hearing was preceded by the July 15, 2026, Planning Commission public hearing recommending adoption of the Ordinance to the City Council. Prior to the Planning Commission public hearing, the City Council had adopted Urgency Ordinance No. 1229, pursuant to Government Code Section 65858, establishing a temporary 45-day moratorium on Data Center development, followed by an extension of the moratorium on July 8, 2026, for an additional 10 months and 15 days.

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends that the City Council conduct the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 1231, adding Chapter 17.92 to Title XVII of the Coachella Municipal Code to prohibit data center uses within the City of Coachella, and adopt the Ordinance. If adopted, the Ordinance will become effective 30 days following today's action.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Ordinance No. 1231 Adding Chapter 17.92 to Title XVII of the Coachella Municipal Code to Prohibit Data Center Uses Within the City of Coachella
2. August 12, 2026, City Council Staff Report