

Data Center Moratorium

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Proposed Ordinance

- Prohibits any NEW data centers as a primary use
- Prohibits a data center as an accessory use if greater than 10MW (see exempt examples*)
- In effect until April 6, 2027
- Utilizes the following definition:
 - *A building, portion of a building, or site whose primary function is housing computing, storage, or network equipment that processes or transmits data for third parties or for operations not located on the premises.*

Examples that be exempt if 10MW or under *

- Server rooms serving only the on-site principal use, below the threshold
- Offices, labs, healthcare, schools, financial and retail operations, and call centers
- Telecom and broadband network facilities, utility control rooms, and public safety dispatch
- Manufacturing and research uses whose computing supports on-site operations

Data Centers

- Have existed and currently operate within the City.
- Typically house servers, networking, and storage apparatus.
- A full facility includes power infrastructure, backup power systems, cooling equipment and structures, stormwater facilities, offices, and security buildings.
- Include varying types and scale:
 - Edge to AI Factories: 1-1000 megawatts
- Can have significant impacts on local infrastructure and resources.



- Council Work Session (1-2) between December – February
- Target March 2, 2027 for first reading of proposed regulations

Options & Decision Points to include:

- Acceptable uses and clear definitions, including possible thresholds
- Acceptable use/limitations of resources including both power and water
- Community impacts and benefits
- Standards, including setbacks, allowable zones, screening, noise regulations



Questions?