



## Agenda Abstract

### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: May 27, 2026  
Department: Community Services  
Agenda Section: Regular  
Public hearing: Yes  
Date of public hearing: May 27, 2026

#### PRESENTER/INFORMATION CONTACT

Matt Efird, Assistant Town Manager  
Shannan Campbell, Planning and Economic Development Manager

#### ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED

**Subject:** Ordinance Imposing a Temporary Moratoria on Development Approvals for Data Centers, Cryptocurrency Mining Operations, and Any Use Associated with Data Center Processing Facilities within the Town of Hillsborough

#### Attachments:

Data Center Temporary Moratoria Ordinance

#### Summary:

At the April 27, 2026 Board of Commissioners meeting, the board requested that staff provide background information and facilitate discussion on the potential development of data centers in Hillsborough. Staff presented information on data centers as a land use at the May 11, 2026 town board meeting. After deliberating the pros and cons of both large- and small-scale data centers and recognizing that the current Town of Hillsborough Unified Development Ordinance does not address the land use or its impacts, the board adopted a resolution of intent to enact a future temporary moratorium. The board also directed staff to hold a public hearing, pursuant to N.C. General Statute 160D-107(b), at the next available meeting to consider a 60-day moratorium on data centers as a land use. Town staff posted public notice of the public hearing at Town Hall and the Town Hall Annex and published a legal advertisement in the May 20 issue of the News of Orange, a local newspaper with general circulation in the area.

#### Financial impacts:

N/A

#### Staff recommendation and comments:

Staff recommends the board adopt the attached Data Center moratoria ordinance and provide direction on desired next steps.

#### Action requested:

Staff requests adoption of the attached ordinance.