



Report to CLIPP

Agenda Item: One year Data Center Moratorium Resolution

Meeting Date: 3 August

Referring Body: Administrator

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AGENDA ITEM: One-Year Data Center Moratorium

OBJECTIVE(S): The attached resolution establishes a temporary one-year moratorium on new data center development applications while the Village evaluates potential impacts and develops appropriate policies.

WHAT THE RESOLUTION DOES:

1. Creates a temporary pause on data center approvals
2. Allows staff, commissions, and the council time to study best practices
3. Provides and opportunity for public input and stakeholder engagement
4. Enables the Village to evaluate infrastructure, utility, zoning, financial impact, health, and land use considerations before proposals are submitted

WHAT THE RESOLUTION DOES NOT DO:

1. Its is not a permanent ban on data centers
2. It does not prohibit any specific project. (I am unaware of any current proposal)
3. It does not prohibit future data center development
4. It does not establish new regulations or zoning standards

WHY CONSIDER A MORATORIUM:

Data centers are a rapidly growing land use that can have a significant impact on electricity demand, utility infrastructure, water use, site selection, and long term planning.

Communities across the country are evaluating how best to address these facilities before major projects are proposed.

The Village of Kronenwetter is currently working several issues regarding utility infrastructure, long term economic development, and future land-use planning. Taking time to evaluate data center development now may help avoid future conflicts and provide greater certainty for both residents and potential development.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the one year moratorium and refer this to the planning commission, and utility committee to return with recommendations regarding potential zoning, utility, infrastructure, and land use.