



VILLAGE OF NEW HAVEN

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-__



A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF NEW HAVEN OPPOSING THE POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF LARGE-SCALE DATA CENTER FACILITIES IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO VILLAGE RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES

WHEREAS, the Village of New Haven is committed to protecting the health, safety, welfare, and quality of life of its residents; and

WHEREAS, Lenox Township has proposed the creation of an I-94 Development District along the Village of New Haven's north-eastern border, within close proximity to established residential neighborhoods located within the Village; and

WHEREAS, discussions and planning efforts associated with the proposed I-94 Development District have included the potential development of large-scale data center facilities and related industrial uses; and

WHEREAS, within approximately one mile of the proposed development area are several of the Village of New Haven's most densely populated residential communities, including the Amherst Subdivision, Riverbrook Community, Pembroke and Pembroke South Subdivisions, Chennault Subdivision, Decora Park North and Decora Park Subdivisions, and the Meadow Creek Community; and

WHEREAS, the proposed development area is also located in relatively close proximity to New Haven Elementary School and New Haven High School, raising additional concerns regarding the long-term impacts of intensive industrial development near educational facilities and areas frequented by children and families; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council recognizes growing public concern regarding the potential impacts associated with large-scale data center developments, including but not limited to excessive energy consumption, significant water usage demands, strain on utility and public infrastructure systems, noise pollution, light pollution, diesel generator emissions, environmental impacts, increased industrial traffic, and overall incompatibility with nearby residential land uses; and

WHEREAS, modern hyperscale data center facilities may require substantial volumes of water for cooling operations and fire suppression systems, potentially placing additional demand on regional water infrastructure and resources that serve surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council has concerns regarding the potential cumulative impacts that large-scale data center facilities may place upon regional utility systems, public infrastructure, and emergency service capabilities, including the ability to adequately respond to industrial-scale fire events or emergencies involving high-voltage electrical systems, backup fuel storage, battery energy storage systems, and related infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council further recognizes that data center facilities commonly utilize extensive backup diesel generator arrays and other industrial support systems that may create prolonged noise impacts, air quality concerns, and operational disturbances affecting nearby residential neighborhoods, schools, and community gathering areas; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council believes that the placement of large-scale industrial data center facilities immediately adjacent to residential communities and near schools is inconsistent with responsible regional planning practices and may negatively impact the health, wellness, peaceful enjoyment, safety, and property values of nearby residents; and

WHEREAS, the Village of New Haven believes that regional cooperation, transparency, and meaningful intergovernmental communication between neighboring communities is essential when considering developments with substantial cross-border impacts; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council has a responsibility to formally advocate for the interests and well-being of Village residents when proposed developments in neighboring jurisdictions may materially affect the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Council of the Village of New Haven hereby formally opposes the proposed placement of large-scale data center developments within the proposed Lenox Township I-94 Development District due to the potential adverse impacts on nearby Village residential communities, schools, public infrastructure systems, and emergency response capabilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Council specifically objects to the placement of such facilities in close proximity to the Amherst Subdivision, Riverbrook Community, Pembroke and Pembroke South Subdivisions, Chennault Subdivision, Decora Park North and Decora Park Subdivisions, Meadow Creek Community, New Haven Elementary School, New Haven High School, and other nearby residential and community-centered areas within the Village of New Haven; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Council urges Lenox Township officials, planning commissioners, consultants, and all involved parties to fully consider the regional impacts that large-scale industrial data center development may have on neighboring residential populations, schools, infrastructure systems, utility capacity, emergency response operations, and environmental quality before advancing any such proposals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Council encourages the consideration of alternative land use strategies and development opportunities that are more compatible with the surrounding residential character and long-term interests of neighboring communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is directed to transmit copies of this Resolution to the Lenox Township Board of Trustees, the Lenox Township Planning Commission, Macomb County officials, relevant state representatives, local school district officials, and other appropriate agencies and stakeholders.

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

President, Village Council

Village Clerk

Date: _____