

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-14

REGARDING DATA CENTER AND BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT MORATORIUM

WHEREAS, the Village of Ridgeway has previously enacted municipal zoning regulations to regulate the use of property within the corporate limits of the Village to promote public health, safety, and general welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Ridgeway, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 61.35 and Chapter 62, has previously enacted the Village of Ridgeway Comprehensive Plan as required by Wis. Stat. § 66.1001(4)(a) to establish land use goals and policies for the Village; and

WHEREAS, a recent land use commonly referred to as "data centers", being establishments used primarily for the storage, management, processing, and transmission of digital data, which house computer or network equipment, systems, servers, appliances, and other associated components related to digital data storage and operations, are being proposed throughout Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, a recent land use commonly referred to as "Battery Energy Storage Systems or BESS", being an electrochemical device that charges, or collects, energy from the electric grid or a generation facility, stores that energy, and then discharges that energy at a later time to provide electricity or other electric grid services, are being proposed throughout Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Ridgeway had not contemplated the potential impacts of "data centers" and "battery energy storage systems" when first developing and subsequently revising its zoning ordinance regulations or policies contained within its comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, the Village Plan Commission has determined that it is relevant and important for the potential impacts of these land uses to be considered and that they warrant the Village of Ridgeway to consider regulations that address these land uses, recommending that a moratorium on the development of these land uses within the Village of Ridgeway be enacted for up to 12 months from enactment, with the potential to be extended by subsequent action; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Ridgeway determines that a moratorium on the development of "data centers" and "battery energy storage systems" within the corporate boundaries of the Village of Ridgeway is necessary in order to maintain public health, safety, general welfare, and other aforementioned reasons, while necessary actions are taken to potentially revise Village

zoning regulations and/or land use policies in the Village of Ridgeway Comprehensive Plan to account for their development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the moratorium shall be in effect for the Village of Ridgeway for a period of up to twelve (12) months from the date of this Resolution; and the Village Board of Trustees reserves the right to extend the moratorium by separate action if deemed necessary.

Adopted by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Ridgeway this 8th day of September 2026.

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BRADLEY A. BUTLER
PRESIDENT

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LORI L. PHELAN
CLERK/TREASURER