



Community Development
Department

STAFF REPORT

Town Council Meeting Date:	May 13, 2025
Agenda Title:	Planning Commission Update
Requested Action:	Informational Purposes
Staff Lead:	Denise Harris, Planning Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On Tuesday, April 22nd the Planning Commission held a work session on the Town Council initiated zoning text amendment to remove data centers from the Zoning Ordinance. There was discussion about public health, safety, and welfare; potential financial and legal impacts; and the need for data to make an informed recommendation. The intent is to hold a public hearing next month on “clean text” rescinding the use; yet potentially keep the public hearing open to hear from the community. There was one member of the public and one member of the press in the audience. The draft meeting minutes are attached and is available for viewing on the Town’s website here: <https://www.regionalwebtv.com/warrentonpc>.

BACKGROUND

On March 22, 2025, Town Council adopted a Resolution to initiate a text amendment to Articles 3, 9, and 12 of the Town of Warrenton Zoning Ordinance. This text amendment is for the purpose of removing Data Centers as a Permissible Use within the Industrial District, and therefore make Data Centers an impermissible Use within the Town of Warrenton.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

For Informational Purposes.