March 11, 2025 Town Council Regular Meeting

## A RESOLUTION TO INITIATE ZOTA-25-1, A ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT TO ARTICLES 3, 9 AND 12 TO REMOVE DATA CENTERS AS A PERMISSIBLE USE WITHIN THE INDUSTRIAL ZONING DISTRICT

WHEREAS, Warrenton, VA (Hereinafter "the Town") is a municipal corporation located within the County of Fauquier; and

WHEREAS, the Warrenton Town Council (Hereinafter "Council") may, by ordinance, amend, supplement, or change the regulations of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town whenever the public necessity, convenience, general welfare or good zoning practice may require such an amendment; and

WHEREAS, such an amendment may be initiated by resolution of Council in accord with the procedures and requirements of Section 11-3.9 of the Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, on August 10, 2021, Council approved a Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment to Articles 3, 9 and 12, case number ZNG 2021-0321, to add Data Centers as a Permissible Use within the Industrial District with the approval of a Special Use Permit by Council; and

WHEREAS, Council now finds that a Data Center is a Use that does not further the health, safety and welfare of the public, nor does a Data Center Use promote public necessity or public convenience within the Town of Warrenton; and

WHEREAS, Council hereby directs staff to prepare a text amendment for consideration by the Planning Commission to remove Data Centers as a Permissible Use within the Industrial District, and therefore render Data Centers as an impermissible Use within the municipal boundaries of the Town of Warrenton; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, by the Warrenton Town Council this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025, that Council hereby initiates a text amendment to Articles 3. 9 and 12 to remove Data Centers as an allowable Use.

Votes:
Ayes:
Nays:
Absent from Vote:
Absent from Meeting:
For Information: Community Development Director, Town Attorney
ATTEST:
Town Recorder