

STAFF REPORT

Town Council Meeting Date: June 10, 2025

Agenda Title: Planning Commission Update

Requested Action: Informational Purposes

Staff Lead: Denise Harris, Planning Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On May 20, 2025, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on ZOTA 25-01, the Town Council initiated zoning text amendment to remove data centers from the Zoning Ordinance. Six people spoke to the amendment. The Planning Commission voted 4-1 (Ainsworth against) to recommend approval of the text amendment to Town Council. This item is now before the Town Council for a work session at its June meeting.

The Planning Commission also updated their bylaws in a 5-0 vote after several months of review. The updated bylaws take into consideration State Code requirements 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.