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CITY OF WESTLAKE

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WESTLAKE, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING SENATE BILL 484 AND HOUSE BILL 1007 RELATING TO THE SITING OF HYPERSCALE DATA CENTERS; ADVOCATING FOR MEANINGFUL PROXIMITY PROTECTIONS FOR SCHOOLS AND RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS; PRESERVING LOCAL LAND-USE AUTHORITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Westlake recognizes that Florida’s rapid growth necessitates the expansion of infrastructure to support emerging technologies and digital innovation; and

WHEREAS, hyperscale data centers are large-scale industrial operations that operate continuously, consume significant electricity and water, and utilize expansive cooling and backup power systems; and

WHEREAS, the operational footprint of facilities exceeding 50 megawatts is fundamentally industrial in nature and may be incompatible with immediate adjacency to K-12 campuses and residential neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 484 and House Bill 1007, as amended, seek to establish prudent distance requirements to protect students from industrial noise, vibration, light spillover, and emissions; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that local governing authorities such as municipalities maintain the right to enact legislation that serves to impose additional safeguards or waive requirements based on the unique needs of their specific communities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WESTLAKE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. The foregoing "WHEREAS" clause is hereby ratified and confirmed by the City Council and incorporated herein by this reference.

SECTION 2. The City Council of the City of Westlake hereby expresses its formal support for SB 484 and HB 1007, including any amendments that strengthen proximity protections for schools and residential neighborhoods.

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SECTION 3. The City of Westlake urges the Florida Legislature to maintain the following pillars within the proposed legislation:

- Meaningful school proximity and residential setback protections;
- Requirements for hyperscale facilities to bear the full cost of utility infrastructure;
- Robust transparency and public hearing provisions; and
- The preservation of local land-use and home-rule authority.

SECTION 4. CONFLICTS. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY. If any clause, section, other part or application of this Resolution is held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, in part or application, it shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Resolution.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED by City Council for the City of Westlake, on this ____ day of _____ 2026.

City of Westlake
JohnPaul O'Connor, Mayor

Odet Izquierdo, Acting City Clerk