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TO THE HONORABLE DODGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

We, the Dodge County Land Resources and Parks Committee, hereby report favorably on the petition requesting the adoption of an ordinance amending the Land Use Code, Dodge County, Wisconsin, which ordinance would establish a moratorium on the siting, construction, and operation of Data Centers in the unincorporated areas of Dodge County within Towns (thirteen) that have adopted the Dodge County Zoning Ordinance (see attached map-Exhibit "A"), and any Town in Dodge County adopting the Dodge County Land Use Code subsequent to the adoption of the moratorium ordinance, so that the County can review, study and enact permanent ordinances addressing such use. A reasonable moratorium is necessary to give the County sufficient time to fully study, analyze and evaluate the potential impacts of Data Centers and to consider amendments to the County Land Use Code, County Comprehensive Plan, Farmland Preservation Plan and any other plans, codes or regulations.

The committee has reviewed and considered the facts presented in the petition and received at the public hearing and finds that the criteria necessary for the ordinance amendment have been satisfied. The committee finds that the proposed ordinance amendment creating Section 1.11 of the Dodge County Land Use Code is reasonable in order to give the County sufficient time to fully study, analyze and evaluate the potential impacts of Data Centers and to consider amendments to the County Land Use Code, County Comprehensive Plan, Farmland Preservation Plan and any other plans, codes or regulations.by the Committee is the minimum action necessary to accomplish the intent of the petition.

Respectfully submitted this 18th day of August, 2026.

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ORDINANCE NO. 1197

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING DODGE COUNTY LAND USE CODE, CHAPTER 1-GENERAL PROVISIONS, ENACTING A MORATORIUM ON DATA CENTERS.

The people of the County of Dodge, represented by the Dodge County Board of Supervisors, do hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1. **Purpose.** The Dodge County Land Use Code does not contain language addressing the location, construction, and operation of "Data Center" as that term is defined herein. This Ordinance is to establish a moratorium on the siting, construction, and operation of Data Centers in the unincorporated areas of Dodge County within Towns (thirteen) that have adopted the Dodge County Land Use Code/Zoning Ordinance (see attached map marked as Exhibit "A"), and any Town that subsequently adopts the Dodge County Land Use Code/Zoning Ordinance, so that the Dodge County Land Resources and Parks Committee can review, study and recommend the enactment of permanent ordinances addressing such use to the Dodge County Board of Supervisors. A reasonable moratorium is necessary to give the County sufficient time to fully study, analyze and evaluate the potential impacts of Data Centers and to consider amendments to the County Land Use Code, County Comprehensive Plan, Farmland Preservation Plan and any other plans, codes or regulations under the authority of the County.

Section 2. **Authority.** Pursuant to Wis. Stats. sec. 59.69(4), the County of Dodge may enact a moratorium that is not a "development moratorium" as that term is defined in Wis. Stats. sec. 66.1002(1)(b). The purposes of the Dodge County Land Use Code at Section 1.3 states, in part, that the regulations are designed to promote and protect the public health, safety, peace, comfort and general welfare; to implement the goals and policies of the Dodge County Comprehensive Plan relating to growth and development; to promote good planning practices and to provide a regulatory mechanism for development; to prevent the adverse impacts of development on sensitive natural resources, the availability of water, water quality, roads and transportation, floodplains, wetlands, areas of shallow soils; and,

Section 3. **Public Hearing.** The Dodge County Land Resources and Parks Committee conducted a public hearing on August 10, 2026 with notice of such public hearing given by a Class 2 publication on July 23, 2026 and July 30, 2026 and after careful consideration and review, recommends that the County Board of Supervisors amend the Dodge County Land Use Code Chapter 1 and approve a moratorium and a code amendment as set forth herein.

Section 4. Chapter 1, *General Provision*, Section 1.11, *Moratorium* of the Dodge County Land Use Code is hereby created to read as follows:

Chapter 1 – GENERAL PROVISIONS.

1.11 Moratorium.

1.11.1 For the purpose of this sec. 1.11 "Data Center" means one or more facilities that house computing, networking and storage equipment designed to and capable of managing data, along with storage and management systems to support the storage, processing, retrieval and distribution of digital data and applications.

1.11.2 Pursuant to Wis. Stats. Sec. 59.69(4), the Dodge County Board of Supervisors enacts the following moratorium: Notwithstanding any other provisions in the Dodge County Land Use Code, there shall be a moratorium on the receipt of or acceptance of applications and the granting of all permits or approvals for the siting, construction, establishment and operations of Data Centers. The purpose of this moratorium is to all Dodge County sufficient time to research, study, and analyze the possible environmental, economic, public health, safety and general welfare impacts of data centers and to establish consistent zoning and regulatory standards to be applied to data centers within in the jurisdiction over which Dodge County has zoning and regulatory authority and to allow the Dodge County Land Resources and Parks Committee to conduct public hearings and draft amendments to its Land Use Code, Comprehensive Plan, Farmland Preservation Plan and other codes, plans and regulations, as appropriate and applicable and make such recommendations to the Dodge County Board of Supervisors for enactment of said amendments. This moratorium shall be in effect for a period of eighteen (18) months from the date this ordinance is published or until the Dodge County Board of Supervisors enacts such amendments or repeals this ordinance, whichever comes first. This moratorium is not intended to be nor shall it be construed as a "development moratorium" as that term is defined in Wis. Stats. sec. 66.1002(1)(b).

Section 5. **Effective Date:** This ordinance shall be effective upon enactment by the Dodge County Board of Supervisors and publication as required by law.

Section 6. **County Review During Moratorium.** During the moratorium period, the Dodge County Land Resources and Parks Committee is directed to review the potential impacts of Data Centers and evaluate potential amendments to the Dodge County Land Use Code, Comprehensive Plan, Farmland Preservation Plan and other codes, plans and regulations.

Section 7. **Vote Required**: Majority of Members present.

Respectfully submitted this 18th day of August, 2026.

Dodge County Land Resources and Parks Committee:

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Enacted and approved this 18th day of August, 2026.

David Frohling, Chairman
Dodge County Board of Supervisors

Danielle J. Van Egtern, Dodge County Clerk

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