

ORDINANCE O-2026-34

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 15 OF THE LONGMONT MUNICIPAL  
CODE CONCERNING HYPERSCALE DATA CENTERS

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WHEREAS communities across the United States are increasingly struggling to manage the rapid development and growth of data centers and related computing facilities with electrical demand often comparable to that of small cities, presenting non-incremental impacts to the electric grid, utility rates, community resilience, and environment; and

WHEREAS existing zoning, land use, and building codes do not sufficiently address facilities whose primary impact arises from electrical load rather than land use; and

WHEREAS data centers and related computing facilities are evolving rapidly, and large, hyperscale data centers particularly increase challenges and risks to cities and utilities related to grid planning, energy and water consumption, and ratepayer burdens; and

WHEREAS while Longmont has managed its energy, fiber, and water consumption responsibly to handle incremental growth, hyperscale data center facilities pose a disproportionate impact and meaningful risk to our long-term resource management capabilities; and

WHEREAS restrictions on new hyperscale data centers are necessary for Longmont's sustainability, resilience, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS smaller-scale enterprise, edge, and colocation data centers, which includes critical infrastructure and facilities that Longmont has hosted for many years and support local and regional industry innovation and competition, do not create the same system-level impacts and risks of hyperscale data center development and may support grid resilience and reliability, electric rate stability, and regional economic competitiveness.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGMONT, COLORADO,  
ORDAINS:

Section 1

The Council amends Title 15, Chapter 15.04, Section 15.04.020, Table 4.1 Table of Allowed Uses of the Longmont Municipal Code by adding italicized material and deleting stricken material. In this ordinance, ellipses indicate material not reproduced as the Council intends to leave that material in effect as it now reads.

| Table 15.04.020. Table of Allowed Uses P = Permitted Use L = Limited Use C = Conditional Use PS = Permitted Secondary Use<br>CS = Conditional Secondary Use A = Accessory Use Blank Cell = Prohibited Use<br>* = Use-specific standards apply to that district (conditional use review may be required) |                       |          |          |          |          |                     |          |          |          |          |                           |          |          |                                                                                       |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Residential Districts |          |          |          |          | Mixed-Use Districts |          |          |          |          | Non-Residential Districts |          |          |                                                                                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | R-<br>RU              | R-<br>SF | R-<br>MN | R-<br>MF | R-<br>MH | MU-<br>N            | MU-<br>C | MU-<br>D | MU-<br>E | MU-<br>R | N-PE                      | N-<br>AG | N-<br>PF | Use-Specific Standards; Also refer to general use standards in subsection 15.04.030.A |
| Industrial Uses                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                       |          |          |          |          |                     |          |          |          |          |                           |          |          |                                                                                       |
| Manufacturing and Processing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                       |          |          |          |          |                     |          |          |          |          |                           |          |          |                                                                                       |
| Artisanal manufacturing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                       |          |          |          |          | P*                  | P*       | P*       | P        | P*       | PS                        | P        |          | 15.04.030.E.1                                                                         |
| <i>Data center, hyperscale</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                       |          |          |          |          |                     |          |          |          |          |                           |          |          | <i>15.05.150.G.3</i>                                                                  |
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Section 2

The Council amends Title 15, Chapter 15.05, Section 15.05.150, by adding italicized material and deleting stricken material.

Section 15.05.150. - Quality of life benchmarks/adequate public facilities standards.

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3. *Hyperscale data centers. Hyperscale data centers are prohibited in all zoning districts. No expansion, modification, additional phase, or additional utility service approval shall be approved if such action would cause a data center, data center campus, or aggregated coordinated data center operation to meet or exceed the thresholds established in this subsection. For purposes of this section, hyperscale data centers means a data center that has a projected peak electrical demand of equal to or greater than 5% of Platte River Power Authority's nameplate capacity or 100 megawatts (MW), whichever is lower, whether at initial operation or through phased load expansion. For purposes of determining projected peak electrical demand, the city shall rely on information submitted by the applicant, including utility service requests, load letters, interconnection requests, phased expansion plans, equipment specifications, or other relevant documentation, as verified by Longmont Power & Communications, or its designee. For the purposes of determining aggregated coordinated data center operations, the city may consider factors including, but not limited to, whether the facilities are operated by the same owner, on connected or adjacent parcels, and have the same point of interconnection.*

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### Section 3

To the extent only that they conflict with this ordinance, the Council repeals any conflicting ordinances or parts of ordinances. The provisions of this ordinance are severable, and invalidity of any part shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the rest of this ordinance.

Introduced this 19th day of May, 2026.

Passed and adopted this 9th day of June, 2026.

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NOTICE: THE COUNCIL WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS ORDINANCE AT 7:00 P.M. ON THE 9TH DAY OF JUNE, 2026, AT THE LONGMONT CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

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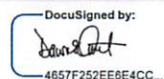
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