

**WATERLOO TOWNSHIP
JACKSON COUNTY, MICHIGAN
ORDINANCE NO. 26-01-27-01**

DATA CENTER MORATORIUM ORDINANCE

At a meeting of the Township Board of Waterloo Township, Jackson County, Michigan, ("Township") held at the Waterloo Township Hall, on the 27th day of January, 2026, at 7:00 pm, Lance moved to adapt the following Ordinance, which was seconded by McAlister.

An ordinance to enact a temporary moratorium for 12 months, or an earlier time in which the Township adopts new regulations governing Data Centers and rescinds this Ordinance, on the application, permitting, consideration, approval, location, erection, construction, and/or installation of any Data Center project which would require a special land use permit if allowed.

WHEREAS, the Township has adopted a zoning ordinance and other ordinances, including a zoning ordinance amendment which regulates, among other things, commercial and industrial scale land uses; and

WHEREAS, The Township does not currently allow Data Centers as an approved land use in any zoning district, mainly because it is a new type of land use gaining popularity across the country and as such has not been previously considered. Due to concerns from the public and Township officials about an appropriate ordinance to regulate Data Centers as a land use, among other potential issues associated with Data Centers such as the size of such facilities, the large amount of water needed in Data Centers, appropriate setbacks, impacts to farmland, noise impacts, and other concerns, the Township wishes to engage in a review of its existing Zoning Ordinance, the latest news and resource demands of Data Centers and possibly revise its ordinance to include regulations governing Data Centers; and

WHEREAS, the Township has a legitimate purpose in addressing the proper, design, size, location, and operation of Data Centers in the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township recognizes the growing trend and push for increased data centers nationwide and within Michigan; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to forestall such issues for the Township and to enact a temporary moratorium on Data Centers until any necessary revised regulations can be entered; and

WHEREAS, time is of the essence to implement this moratorium to avoid potential developers applying for a Data Center land use and a moratorium being enacted as well as given the immediate interest in the land use within the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township determines that the adoption of this Ordinance, which is necessary to preserve the public peace, health, safety, and welfare by preventing the inappropriate location and establishment of Data Centers in the Township during the time needed to study, review, and potentially revise the Township's current Zoning Ordinance due to changed conditions within the Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Township of Waterloo Ordains:

Section 1. Title: This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the Waterloo Township Data Center Moratorium Ordinance.

Section 2. Moratorium: The Township enacts a temporary moratorium on the permitting, consideration, approval, location, erection, construction, and/or installation of all Data Centers for 12 months from the date of the adoption of this ordinance, or an earlier time in which the Township adopts new regulations governing Data Centers and rescinds this Ordinance. The Township Board by resolution may extend the time of this moratorium under this Ordinance in increments of three months.

Section 3. Severability: The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and if any part is declared invalid for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction it shall not affect the remainder of the Ordinance which shall continue in full force and effect. Should this Ordinance be determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, it shall be considered a resolution pertaining to the internal affairs of the Township determining the timing of when it will administratively consider and process land use applications and requests.

Section 4. Repeal: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 5. Effective Date: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after publication.

YEAS: W. Walz, Richardson, Lance, Beck, McAlister

NAYS: None

ABSENT/ABSTAIN: None

ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED.



Doug Lance, Waterloo Township

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that:

1. The above is a true copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Waterloo Township Board at a duly scheduled and noticed meeting of the Township Board held on January, 27 2026, pursuant to the required statutory procedures.
2. A summary of the above Ordinance was duly published in the Exponent newspaper, a newspaper that circulates within the Waterloo Township, on February 10th, 2026.
3. Within 1 week after such publication, I recorded the above Ordinance in a cabinet of ordinances kept by me for that purpose, including the date of passage of the ordinance, the names of the members of the Township Board voting, and how each member voted.
4. I filed an attested copy of the above Ordinance with the Jackson County Clerk on February 25th, 2026.

ATTESTED:



Bill Richardson, Waterloo Township Clerk

Ordinance No. 26-01-27-01
Notice of Adoption

Please take notice that on January, 27 2026, the Township Board of Waterloo adopted Ordinance No. 26-01-27-01, an emergency ordinance which imposes a temporary moratorium until February 1, 2027 or an earlier time in which the Township adopts new regulations governing Data Centers, on the permitting, consideration, approval, location, erection, construction, and/or installation of Data Centers as a land use and any other Data Center land uses requiring a special land use permit in the Township in order to allow appropriate time to study and potentially adopt revised regulations governing Data Centers. Copies of the Ordinance may be obtained from Bill Richardson, Waterloo Township Clerk, at 9773 Mt. Hope Rd, Munith, MI 49259. Please utilize the contact information below to set an appointment to obtain copies of the Ordinance.

Published by Order of the Township Board
Waterloo Township, Jackson County

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