

RESOLUTION NO. 7-2026

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES, MADISON TOWNSHIP
PICKAWAY COUNTY, OHIO**

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A MORATORIUM
ON THE ISSUANCE OF ZONING PERMITS AND APPROVALS
FOR NEW DATA CENTER USES IN MADISON TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, Madison Township ("Township") has adopted a zoning resolution to promote and protect the public health, safety, and general welfare by, in part, regulating the use of land areas and the construction, restoration and/or alteration of buildings and uses;

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code 519.02 further empowers the Township to impose reasonable zoning regulations for the purpose of promoting the public health, safety, and morals within the Township;

WHEREAS, for the purposes of this Resolution, "Data Center" shall be understood to refer to a facility or portion of a facility housing networked computer systems and telecommunications equipment used for remote storage, processing, and distribution of data;

WHEREAS, for the purposes of this Resolution, "Auxiliary Data Center" shall be understood to refer to a Data Center which is ancillary to another primary use of the subject property and satisfies all of the following conditions: (i) is not housed in a standalone structure separate from a permitted primary structure on the property, (ii) occupies no more than ten percent (10%) of the primary structure's footprint, (iii) is used to serve the enterprise functions of an occupant of the property, and (iv) is not used to lease data storage and processing services to non-occupants of the property;

WHEREAS, Data Centers raise unique concerns for surrounding properties and the overall community related to the reliability of the local power grid, rising electricity prices, availability of water and other utilities necessary for Data Center operation, as well as noise, aesthetics, and security and safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, the Madison Township Board of Trustees finds it necessary to enact a twelve (12) month moratorium on the issuance of zoning permits and other approvals for Data Centers to allow the Township time to research and evaluate the impacts of Data Centers on the community, and the potential need for text amendments to the Madison Township Zoning Resolution to address Data Centers in the interests of the public health, safety, and general welfare.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Madison Township Board of Trustees, Pickaway County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. The issuance of any and all zoning permits and other approvals allowing the development, construction, or operation of any new Data Centers is hereby suspended for a period of twelve (12) months from the effective date of this Resolution—which suspension shall expire on March 2, 2027 (the “Moratorium”).

SECTION 2. To the extent there are any existing Data Centers in Madison Township as of the effective date of this Resolution, the issuance of any and all zoning permits and other approvals allowing the expansion or enlargement of such existing facilities is hereby suspended for the period of the Moratorium.

SECTION 3. The Moratorium shall not apply to Auxiliary Data Centers and applications or zoning permits related to the development, construction, or operation of a Data Center where such applications or permits were submitted or issued prior to the effective date of this Resolution.

SECTION 4. During the Moratorium, the Township Administrator, Planning and Zoning Department, Law Director, and other appropriate Township staff are hereby directed to investigate and review the potential impacts of Data Centers on the Madison Township community.

SECTION 5. It is found that all formal actions of the Board of Trustees concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of the Board of Trustees that resulted in this formal action occurred in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution constitutes an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and general welfare, and for the further reason that the Board desires to make an informed decision regarding the most effective means of preventing any detrimental impacts on the Madison Township community associated with Data Centers, and the most appropriate means of regulating Data Centers in Madison Township, and this Resolution shall be effective upon its passage.

VOTE RECORD:

Mr. Welch Y Mr. Smith Y Mr. Brown Y

PASSED at the meeting of the Madison Township, Pickaway County, Ohio Board of Trustees, this 2nd day of March, 2026.

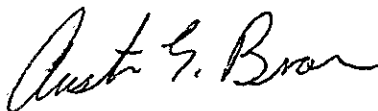
Samuel Welth, Trustee



Ryan Smith, Trustee



Austin Brown, Trustee



AUTHENTICATION

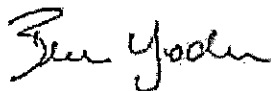
This is to certify that this Resolution was duly passed and filed with the Madison Township, Pickaway County, Ohio Fiscal Officer, this 2nd day of March, 2026.



Nicole Bitler, Fiscal Officer

Madison Township, Pickaway County, Ohio

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Benjamin J. Yoder, Outside Zoning Counsel