

RECORD OF ORDINANCES

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 30043

Ordinance No. _____ Passed _____, 20____

RESOLUTION NO: 2026-07

RESOLUTION TO ENACT A TWELVE-MONTH MORATORIUM ON THE RECEIPT, PROCESSING, ISSUANCE OR APPROVAL OF DATA CENTERS

WHEREAS, the Village of Lakeview Council of Logan County, Ohio, (the “Board”), has adopted a Zoning Resolution classifying zoning districts with respect to agricultural, residential, business, manufacturing and other land uses in its unincorporated territory; and

WHEREAS, central Ohio has experienced a surge in development of data centers, large-scale facilities used for digital information services characterized by the presence of computer servers, networking equipment, and related components, generating electrical demands generally in excess of 25 megawatts as well as demands on water resources particularly used for cooling technology, creating significant strain on public resources and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Consumers Counsel, as of 2026, characterizes the state as fifth in the United States in the total number of data centers with approximately 200 (<https://www.occ.ohio.gov/factsheet/quick-facts-data-centers-ohio>) and bills are pending before the Ohio General Assembly to address several adverse impacts on surrounding land uses; and

WHEREAS, the Great Miami River, Indian Lake and other bodies of water within Village of Lakeview may be at risk of pollution as the Ohio EPA has closed the comment period for a permit for data centers to discharge industrial wastewater to Ohio waterways because “it has been determined that a lowering of water quality of various waters of the state associated with granting coverage under this permit is necessary to accommodate important social and economic development in the state of Ohio.” See statement of John Logue, _____ Ohio _____ EPA _____ Director https://dam.assets.ohio.gov/image/upload/epa.ohio.gov/Portals/35/permits/Data_Centers/OHD000001_Draft.pdf; and

WHEREAS, there are no municipal governments within or adjacent to Village of Lakeview capable of receiving and treating industrial wastewater as unincorporated areas of the Township receive sanitary sewer service from the Logan County Sewer District, which operates a wastewater treatment plant south of Indian Lake, also serving the Village of Belle Center, Village of Huntsville, Village of Russells Point, and Village of Lakeview and other adjacent townships’ unincorporated areas; and

WHEREAS, this Board recognizes that as the Zoning Resolution does not expressly address data centers and related uses, the Zoning Resolution needs to be reviewed and updated to ensure development without adverse impacts to Village of Lakeview constituents; and

WHEREAS, the Logan Union Champaign Regional Planning Commission, the Zoning Commission and legal counsel need ample time to review, evaluate, and coordinate to propose text revisions in conjunction with public input from constituents of Village of Lakeview; and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby finds that temporary preservation of the status quo will promote the health, safety and general welfare of Village of Lakeview and its constituents by suspending the receipt, processing, issuance or approval of any application for a Zoning Permit under Article X of the Village of Lakeview Zoning Resolution, as data centers are not defined in the resolution, nor are they a permitted or conditional use under the Official Schedule of District Regulations, therefore prohibited.

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NOW THEREFORE, be it **RESOLVED** by the Village of Lakeview Council, that:

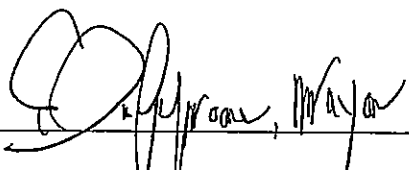
Section 1: The Board finds it is in the best interest of the Village to impose a moratorium on the receipt, processing, issuance and approvals of any applications for any Zoning Permit for data centers, which are not defined by the Zoning Resolution and are not a permitted or conditional use, therefore otherwise prohibited. This moratorium is necessary to protect public health, safety, and general welfare within the incorporated areas of Village of Lakeview.

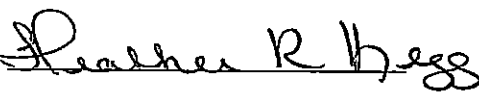
Section 2: The Board may rescind this moratorium at any time prior to the expiration of 12 months, by resolution or upon the effective date of amendment of the Zoning Resolution; otherwise, it shall expire May 4, 2027.

Section 3: The Board requests the Village of Lakeview Planning Commission, legal counsel, and staff of the LUC Regional Planning Commission to review the Zoning Resolution and to take such steps as necessary to recommend text amendment(s) to within the next 12 months, recognizing the Ohio General Assembly's proposed legislation to create a Data Center Study Commission may also result in recommendations to local governments.

Section 4: This resolution was presented at a regular meeting of the Board in compliance with Ohio's open meetings laws and shall take effect immediately upon adoption as an emergency to protect the health, safety and general welfare of Village of Lakeview, Logan County, Ohio.

Passed by Council this 4th day of May, 2026.


Elaine Fagan Moore, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Heather Kegg, Fiscal Officer