

TOWN OF COOPERTOWN, TENNESSEE

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-015

AN ORDINANCE TO PLACE A MORATORIUM ON THE ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS AND ISSUANCE OF PERMITS FOR DATA CENTER FACILITIES

WHEREAS, the Coopertown Board of Mayor and Aldermen (Board) is sensitive to all concerns regarding Data Center Facilities including but not limited to concerns relating to the use of electric and water utility resources by Data Centers; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes the Town needs time to research the various types of Data Center Facilities and adopt regulations that outline the districts within the Town best suited for such use, as well as develop conditions by which these approvals or denials will be based; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes the citizens of Coopertown would be best served by enactment of a two year moratorium on accepting applications and issuing permits for Data Center Facilities in the Town of Coopertown so as to refer this issue to the Coopertown Planning Commission to research and develop language to the land use regulations regarding such requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission shall work on developing these regulations during their regular and special called meetings, and will make their recommendations to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen within the two-year time frame of the date of the passage of the Second Reading of this ordinance; and,

WHEREAS, the Second Reading of this ordinance shall occur within thirty (30) calendar days after the First Reading of this ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF COOPERTOWN:

SECTION 1: No applications or permits for Data Center Facilities shall be accepted for any property within the corporate boundaries of the Town of Coopertown for two years from the date of the adoption of this ordinance.

SECTION 2: The Board assigns to the Coopertown Planning Commission the task of evaluating the current regulations pertaining to Data Center Facilities, with particular attention paid to environmental impacts, electricity and water consumption requirements, and safety, and recommendation to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen for amendments to Article V, Table 5-A, and Article 8.070, *Procedure for Authorizing Special Exceptions*, of the Coopertown Zoning Ordinance. These recommendations shall be submitted to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen for

consideration so as to insure the safe operation and appropriate zoning of Data Center Facilities within the Town of Coopertown.

SECTION 3: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage of the Second Reading and shall end upon the acceptance by the Coopertown Board Mayor and Aldermen of the revised recommendations of the Coopertown Planning Commission, or two years, whichever shall first occur. The Board of Mayor and Aldermen shall within two years from the adoption of this ordinance pass an ordinance with amendments to Article V, Table 5-A and Article 8.070, of the Coopertown Zoning Ordinance pertaining to Data Center Facilities, the safety and welfare of the citizens of Coopertown Tennessee requiring it.

Passed First Reading: 07.28.2026
Passed Second Reading: 8.25.2026

ATTEST:


Emily McKeller, City Recorder


Jeff Smith, Mayor