CITY OF LA GRANGE, KENTUCKY ORDINANCE NO. 10, SERIES 2025

AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A 150 DAY MORATORIUM ON THE ACCEPTANCE, PROCESSING, AND APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OR EXPANSION OF DATA CENTERS OF ANY SIZE, ALL PRIVATE UTILITIES, ALL PRIVATE UTILITY BUILDINGS AND ALL DATA STORAGE FACILITIES WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF LA GRANGE, KENTUCKY

WHEREAS, Oldham County has experienced increased interest in the development of data centers within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, data centers, while contributing to economic development, also have significant impacts on infrastructure, energy consumption, land use, and environmental sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the current zoning and development regulations may not adequately address the unique characteristics, demands, and potential cumulative effects of data centers; and

WHEREAS, the La Grange City Council finds it necessary to evaluate existing policies, infrastructure capacity, and long-term planning objectives regarding data centers; and

WHEREAS, the La Grange City Council has the power to impose temporary moratoria to protect public health, safety, and welfare;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF LA GRANGE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Moratorium Imposed

A moratorium is hereby imposed on the acceptance, processing, and approval of all new applications related to the establishment, development, or expansion of data centers of any size, all private utilities, all private utility buildings and all data storage facilities within the jurisdiction of the City of La Grange for a period of 150 days from the effective date of this ordinance.

SECTION 2. Purpose

The purpose of this moratorium is to allow time for the mayor, council, staff, consultants, and relevant stakeholders to consider infrastructure and utility capacity, environmental and land use impacts, economic benefits for the community, and best practices and regulatory frameworks from comparable jurisdictions and subsequently review and update applicable policies, zoning regulations, and standards related to data center development.

SECTION 3. Exemptions

This moratorium shall not apply to:

- Applications that have been filed prior to the effective date of the adoption of this ordinance
- Jurisdictions outside the City of La Grange

SECTION 4. Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and be enforceable following publication as required by KRS 424.

Introduction by Councilor Jason Taylor

First Reading 5/29/2025

Second Reading 6/2/2025

Vote: For 8 Against 4 Abstain

SO APPROVED this 2 day of June, 2025

John W. Black Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk or Designee