ORDINANCE KOC 25-910-508 Commonwealth of Kentucky Oldham County Fiscal Court

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 OLDHAM COUNTY FISCAL COURT

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, OLDHAM COUNTY FISCAL COURT finds it necessary to evaluate existing policies, infrastructure capacity, and long-term planning objectives regarding data centers; and

WHEREAS, OLDHAM COUNTY FISCAL COURT Has the power to impose temporary moratoria to protect the public health, safety, and welfare;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Moratorium Imposed

A moratorium is hereby imposed on the acceptance, processing, and approval of all 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 OLDHAM COUNTY FISCAL COURT 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 judge-executive, magistrates, 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. Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

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David Voegele Judge-Executive

7-1-2025 Date

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