

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DENTON REGARDING A MORATORIUM ON THE ACCEPTANCE, PROCESSING, AND APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF DATA CENTERS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF DENTON AND APPROVING A SCHEDULE FOR REQUIRED NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR SUCH MORATORIUM; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (26-1287)

WHEREAS, the City of Denton, Texas is a home rule municipality located in Denton County; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to plan, prepare, and provide for safe and orderly growth and development of the City of Denton, Texas and its environs; and

WHEREAS, the city initiated discussions of code amendments to introduce data centers as a land use in the Denton Development Code in the spring of 2022 and the City Council voted to approve those amendments on September 20, 2022, as Ordinance DCA22-0003a; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Denton is aware of an increased interest in and public concern about the environmental, infrastructure, and land use impacts of the development of data centers; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Denton therefore held a work session discussion on August 4, 2026, and determined that a temporary moratorium on the acceptance, processing, and approval of applications for the development of data centers is in the best interest of the city and the public in order to allow time for further evaluation of the operational infrastructure demands, environmental impacts, and financial impacts associated with data centers; and

WHEREAS, the City Council further desires to enact a moratorium while a review of the City's existing data center regulations is completed and updates to those regulations are developed and implemented to ensure data centers are a compatible land use that does not negatively impact neighborhoods, utility infrastructure, or the environment; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 212.134 of the Texas Local Government Code, any person may request – via certified or registered mail sent to the City Secretary - to receive written notice of public hearings regarding this moratorium case; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 212.134 of the Texas Local Government Code, the City Council desires to adopt a schedule for the required notice and public hearings in order to enact the moratorium described herein; NOW, THEREFORE,

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DENTON HEREBY RESOLVES:

SECTION 1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated into this Resolution by reference.

SECTION 2. The schedule of notification and public hearings attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is approved and adopted. The City Secretary, or designee, is hereby authorized to accept requests for notice of hearing received by certified or registered mail.

SECTION 3. The City Manager, or designee, is hereby authorized to publish the requisite public notifications, schedule the required public hearings, and conduct evaluation of the infrastructure, environmental, and financial impacts of data centers required in order to properly justify a moratorium.

SECTION 4. Should any paragraph, section, sentence, phrase, clause or word of this Resolution be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the remainder of this Resolution shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

The motion to approve this Resolution was made by _____ and seconded by _____. This Resolution was passed and approved by the following vote [___ - ___]:

	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Mayor Chris Watts:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Jordan Villarreal, District 1:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Nick Stevens, District 2:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Suzi Rumohr, District 3:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Joe Holland, District 4:	_____	_____	_____	_____
George Ferrie, At Large Place 5:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Jill Jester, At Large Place 6:	_____	_____	_____	_____

PASSED AND APPROVED this the _____ day of _____, 2026.

CHRIS WATTS, MAYOR

ATTEST:
KRISTI FOGLE, INTERIM CITY SECRETARY

BY: _____

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:
MACK REINWAND, CITY ATTORNEY

BY:  _____

Exhibit A

Moratorium Public Hearing Schedule

- 08/18/2026** Council consideration of a resolution setting the date for the first public hearing.
- 08/22/2026** Publishing of the Public Hearing dates in the Denton Record Chronicle (*must be 30 days before the date of the public hearing*)
- 09/22/2026** First Public Hearing related to the proposed moratorium.
- 10/27/2026** Second Public Hearing **related to the proposed moratorium** (*cannot be before the 30th day after the date of the first hearing*)