

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-006

Town of Farmington, Polk County, Wisconsin

A RESOLUTION TO PASS AN INTERIM CONTROL ORDINANCE PLACING A MORATORIUM ON DATA CENTERS IN THE TOWN OF FARMINGTON

WHEREAS, a "Data Center" is one or more facilities or an array of connected facilities that house a group of electrical equipment, including but not limited to, networked server computers in one physical location or multiple locations to centralize the processing, storage, management, retrieval, communication, or dissemination of data and information; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Farmington in Polk County has its own zoning ordinances

WHEREAS, the Town of Farmington has concerns about the potential health and safety issues related to the construction and operation of Data Centers, including electrical connections, electric and magnetic fields, impacts on air quality and water resources, water use, electricity demand, and fire hazards; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Farmington has concerns that the construction and operation of Data Centers will result in an overburdening of public services and infrastructure in our township, including electrical and water utilities, Town roads, and fire and emergency services; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Farmington has concerns about the potential secondary impacts of the construction and operation of Data Centers, including impacts on property values in the Township, noise and visual impacts, and impacts on the public health, safety, and general welfare of the Township, residents, businesses, and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Farmington believes that Data Centers create a financial risk to their host municipality; and

WHEREAS, Data Centers may not be consistent with the Town of Farmington comprehensive zoning plan; and

WHEREAS, Polk County has authority under applicable law, including Wis. Stat. §§ 59.03(2)(a), 59.61(1), and 59.69(5)(e), to adopt an interim control ordinance placing a one year moratorium on the acceptance of any application for, consideration of, or issuance of, any permits for the placement or construction of Data Centers not already approved; that:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Town of Farmington Board of Supervisors that we will:

- 1) Adopt an interim control ordinance placing a one-year moratorium (which may be extended for an additional 6 months) on the acceptance of any application for, consideration of, or issuance of, any permits for the placement or construction of Data Centers not already approved;
- 2) Research the environmental and economic effects of Data Centers; and
- 3) Establish zoning ordinances and/or regulatory standards to be applied to Data Centers in the Township of Farmington

Enacted on: August 3, 2026

TOWN OF FARMINGTON

BY Dennis Cottor

Dennis Cottor, Town Chairman

RECORDED VOTES: Dennis Cottor YES
Dennis Neumann YES
Jason Jensen YES

3 Votes Yes

0 Votes No

I certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Town of Farmington on the date indicated above.

Dated August 3, 2026

Steven Swanson

Steven Swanson, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Posted August 3, 2026