

A RESOLUTION

Instituting a Temporary Moratorium on Accepting Applications for Permits for Data Centers

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Lowndes County (the “Board”) finds data centers are being proposed throughout the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that these facilities can potentially affect power and water supplies and present impacts to nearby properties, including the effects of noise from cooling systems and generators; and

WHEREAS, Lowndes County’s current Unified Land Development Code does not include regulations specific to data centers; and

WHEREAS, the Board has directed its staff and the County Attorney to prepare draft regulations specific to data centers; and

WHEREAS, the Board intends to seek public comment on such draft regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it and it is hereby resolved by the Board:

1. Definitions of Data Center. A specialized facility that hosts information technology infrastructure for building, managing, running, processing, delivering, or transmitting applications and services, or for storing and managing the data associated with those applications, network or telecommunications services which may include infrastructure such as cooling equipment, uninterruptible power supply systems, standby generators and associated fuel storage.

2. Imposition of Moratorium. A 60-day temporary moratorium is instituted on accepting applications for permits for data centers in order for the Board to consider regulations specific to data centers.

3. Repealer. All current resolutions and ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with this Resolution are superseded and repealed.

4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption and shall remain in effect until repealed or superseded by further action of the Board.

This 25th day of August, 2026.

Board of Commissioners of Lowndes County

By: _____
Bill Slaughter, Chairman

Attest: _____
Belinda C. Lovern, Clerk