

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE DESIRE OF THE CITY COUNCIL
THAT NO LARGE-SCALE DATA CENTERS BE DEVELOPED WITHIN
THE MUNICIPAL LIMITS OF THE CITY OF LUBBOCK UNTIL THE
CITY MANAGER HAS DEVELOPED, AND THE CITY COUNCIL HAS
ADOPTED, ADEQUATE REGULATIONS PROTECTING PUBLIC
RESOURCES AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY**

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Lubbock, Texas pursuant to the constitution and laws of the State of Texas including, but not limited to, Article 11, Section 5 of the Texas Constitution as a home rule city, has the authority to set forth ordinances and regulations and exercise its police powers for the public health, safety, morals, or general welfare of the citizens of the City of Lubbock; and

WHEREAS, due to the rapid growth of large-scale data center development in the State of Texas and the resulting potential strain on the state's public water and power resources, Governor Greg Abbott, on August 3, 2026, directed the Public Utility Commission of Texas to conduct a comprehensive verification and audit of all data centers that would interconnect with the state's electric power grid regulated by the Electric Reliability Council of Texas before further data center projects move forward; and

WHEREAS, it has been cited in numerous public news sources detailing the high use of public utilities, including the use of public water resources and power resources related to the development of certain large-scale data centers that could create a shortage of essential public facilities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lubbock received testimony from the citizens of Lubbock at a public meeting expressing their concern over the potential negative health impacts large-scale data centers may have on the residents of Lubbock; and

WHEREAS, due to the evidence presented regarding high use of public water resources and power resources related to the development of large-scale data centers and the concerns expressed by the citizens over the potential negative health impacts large-scale data centers may have on residents of Lubbock, it is the desire of City Council that the City Manager and the City's Planning Department develop adequate regulations to protect the public resources and the health and safety of the public before a large-scale data center is built within the municipal limits of the City of Lubbock. **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUBBOCK, TEXAS THAT:

SECTION 1. The recitals outlined above are found to be true and correct and are incorporated herein as though set forth fully herein.

SECTION 2. For purposes of this resolution, Large-Scale Data Centers shall be defined as any use of real and personal property consisting of buildings or structures specifically designed or modified for the primary use of housing networked computer servers, data and transaction processing equipment, and related infrastructure support equipment, which is used primarily for the purpose of remote storage, providing data and transaction processing services, outsourcing information technology services and computer equipment colocation services, or distributing large amounts of data, including server farms, cloud centers, AI hubs, and crypto-mining operations with minimum

power requirements of 75 megawatts (MW), and/or 100,000 gallons of water use per day.

SECTION 3. The City Manager shall direct the City's Planning Department to develop appropriate regulatory guidelines to be adopted in the City's Code of Ordinances, including the City's Unified Development Code, addressing the impact Large-Scale Data Centers may have on:

- a. the use of the City's municipal water utility resources including its impact on the City's long-term water supply;
- b. the use of electric power utility resources and the impact on local electric infrastructure reliability;
- c. the current zoning regulations and the necessity to amend zoning regulations to address, without limitation:
 - i. building setbacks;
 - ii. screening requirements;
 - iii. landscaping; and
 - iv. outdoor lighting;
- d. Any other City resources or infrastructure utilization.

SECTION 4. As expressed herein, it is the desire of the City Council that the City Manager and the City of Lubbock's Planning Department develop, and present to the City Council, regulations addressing the impact Large-Scale Data Centers have on the issues outlined above before any Large-Scale Data Center is built within the municipal limits of the City of Lubbock.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this _____, 2026.

MARK W. MCBRAYER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Courtney Paz, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Tim Collins, Council Member District 6

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:


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APPROVED AS TO FORM:


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