

ARTICLE XX. High Technology Data Center Facilities.

The following standards are intended to guide the development of data center facilities and/or associated facilities in a manner that protects the public health, safety, and welfare and avoids significant impacts on resources and adjacent land uses.

Section XX. Title.

This ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the "High Technology Data Center Facilities Ordinance of [City/County], Georgia," and may be referred to as the "data center ordinance."

Section XX. Intent.

The intent of this data center ordinance is to:

Minimize the potential adverse effects associated with the construction of data center campuses and/or facilities through the implementation of reasonable design, landscaping, and construction practices.

Section XX. Applicability.

1. The following provisions are applicable to this data center campus and/or facility ordinance:
 - a. Data center campuses and/or facilities permitted prior to the effective date of this ordinance shall be required to meet the requirements of Section XX. Annual Reporting.
 - b. Data center campuses and/or facilities constructed after the effective date of this ordinance shall be required to meet the requirements of this ordinance.
 - c. Any upgrade, modification, or structural change that materially alters the size or placement of an existing data center campus and/or facility shall comply with the provisions of this ordinance.

Section XX. List of definitions.

1. Except as specifically defined herein or within article XX of these regulations, all words used in this section shall carry their customary meanings as defined in a standard dictionary.
2. For purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply:
 - a. Accessory structure. Anything constructed or erected which requires permanent location and is subordinate to a building or structure on the same lot.
 - b. Administrative approval. Zoning approval that the director of community development is authorized to grant after administrative review.
 - c. Administrative review. Non-discretionary evaluation of an application by the director of community development as established herein and is not subject to a public hearing.
 - d. Cryptocurrency Mining Operation. Cryptocurrency mining operations are a unique class of High-technology data centers, and means the use of computers or specialized hardware, including but not limited to Application-Specific Integrated Circuit (ASIC) miners, to validate blockchain transactions, earn cryptocurrency, or secure a digital ledger network.
 - e. High-technology data center. A High-technology data center or data center, means a facility, campus of facilities, or array of interconnected industrial facilities in this state that is developed to power, cool, secure, and connect its own equipment or the computer equipment of high-technology data center customers. [Georgia Statute 48-8-