

72 development orders, rezoning, or site plans related to data centers, data center facilities
73 and data center utilities within unincorporated areas and such moratorium is reasonable
74 and necessary to accomplish the goal of revising its regulations to ensure the community
75 welfare is well-balanced and the public health, safety and general welfare are preserved;
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77 WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds this ordinance imposing a
78 temporary moratorium on the acceptance, review, or approval of applications for data
79 centers, data center facilities, and data center utilities serves the health, safety, and
80 welfare of the residents of and visitors to Citrus County, Florida.

81 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Citrus
82 County, Florida as follows:

83 SECTION 1. FINDINGS OF FACT. The foregoing recitals are hereby adopted as
84 legislative findings of the Board of County Commissioners and are ratified and confirmed
85 as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Ordinance upon
86 adoption thereof.

87 SECTION 2. PURPOSE. The purpose of this Ordinance is to allow Citrus County
88 sufficient time to review, study, hold public hearings, and to prepare and adopt an
89 amendment or amendments to the Citrus County Land Development Code and/or Code
90 of Ordinances, relating to data centers, data center facilities, and data center utilities.

91 SECTION 3. TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ESTABLISHED. A temporary moratorium is
92 hereby established on the acceptance, review, processing, or approval of any:

- 93 • rezoning applications
- 94 • conditional use permits
- 95 • development permits or orders
- 96 • site plan approvals
- 97 • building permits
- 98 • or other development approvals

99 for the construction, expansion, or operation of data centers, data center facilities, and
100 data center utilities within the unincorporated areas of Citrus County.

101 SECTION 4. DEFINITION. For the purposes of this moratorium, data centers, data center
102 facilities, and data center utilities is a building, a dedicated space within a building, or
103 group of buildings housing computer systems and associated components, such as
104 telecommunication and data processing systems, to be used for remote storage,
105 processing, or distribution of large amounts of data. Examples of such data, include but
106 are not limited to, computationally intensive applications such as cryptocurrency mining,
107 artificial intelligence (A.I.) computing, weather modeling, genome sequencing, application
108 hosting, cloud storage, video and technical streaming services, etc. Such facilities may