

109 include air handlers, power generators, water cooling and storage facilities, utility  
110 substations, and other infrastructure to support operations.

111 SECTION 5. STUDY AND EVALUATION. During the moratorium period, Citrus County  
112 staff shall conduct a comprehensive review of the potential impacts associated with data  
113 centers, data center facilities, and data center utilities, including but not limited to:

114 1. Groundwater withdrawal impacts, particularly as they relate to the Floridan  
115 Aquifer and coastal aquifer management policies.

116 2. Water supply and wastewater treatment capacity, including potential impacts on  
117 municipal and regional water systems.

118 3. Electrical grid capacity and infrastructure requirements, including consultation  
119 with regional electric utilities regarding potential long-term demand impacts.

120 4. Land use compatibility, including appropriate zoning classifications and  
121 development standards for such facilities.

122 5. Environmental considerations, including impacts on wetlands, coastal  
123 ecosystems, noise, lighting, and surrounding land uses.

124 6. Best practices adopted by other jurisdictions in Florida and throughout the  
125 United States for the regulation of data centers, data center facilities, and data  
126 center utilities.

127 SECTION 6. DEVELOPMENT OF REGULATORY FRAMEWORK. Following the  
128 completion of and during the review process, County staff shall present best practices,  
129 and make final recommendations to the Board of Commissioners regarding the adoption  
130 of appropriate zoning regulations, permitting requirements, infrastructure standards, and  
131 environmental safeguards governing data centers, data center facilities, and data center  
132 utilities within Citrus County.

133 SECTION 7. DURATION. This temporary moratorium shall remain in effect for a period  
134 of twelve (12) months from and including the effective date of this Ordinance or until the  
135 effective date of an ordinance(s) amending the Citrus County Land Development  
136 Regulations and/or the Code of Ordinances relating to data centers, data center facilities,  
137 and data center utilities, whichever first occurs.

138 SECTION 8. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS. All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, in  
139 conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such  
140 conflict.

141 SECTION 9. SEVERABILITY. It is the intent of the Board of County Commissioners of  
142 Citrus County, Florida, and is hereby provided, that if any section, subsection, sentence,  
143 clause, phrase, or provision of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by