

~~group of buildings housing computer systems and associated components, such as telecommunication and data processing systems, to be used for remote storage, processing, or distribution of large amounts of data. Examples of such data, include but are not limited to, computationally intensive applications such as cryptocurrency mining, artificial intelligence (A.I.) computing, weather modeling, genome sequencing, application hosting, cloud storage, video and technical streaming services, etc. Such facilities may include air handlers, power generators, water cooling and storage facilities, utility substations, and other infrastructure to support operations.~~

~~1.4~~ has the same meaning as given such term in Section 373.203, Florida Statutes (2026).

1.4 Data Center Facility means a Data Center which is also a Large Load Customer.

1.5 Large Load Customer has the same meaning as given such term in Section 366.043(2), Florida Statutes (2026).

1.6 Permit means any permit, development approval, license, rezoning, special exception, comprehensive plan amendment, conditional use, site plan permit under the Florida Building Code, permit under the Florida Fire Prevention Code and any other official action of the County having the effect of permitting or allowing the establishment and/or siting of for the establishment, construction, expansion, continuation or operation of any Data Center Facility.

2. Findings and Intent. The Board hereby makes the following findings and declares them to be sufficient to support the adoption of this ordinance:

2.1 The Legislature has expressly found that Data Center Facilities may present unique planning, infrastructure, and compatibility considerations which should be addressed through local comprehensive planning and land development regulations adopted pursuant to chapter 163, Florida Statutes:

The Legislature finds that certain land uses, including facilities with substantial electric or other utility demands, such as data centers and other large load customers as defined in s. 366.043(2), may present unique planning, infrastructure, and compatibility considerations. The Legislature intends that such considerations shall be addressed through local comprehensive planning and land development regulations adopted pursuant to this chapter, including provisions related to infrastructure capacity, land use compatibility,