

environmental impacts, and the efficient provision of public facilities and services.

Section 163.326(1), Florida Statutes (2026)

2.2 The Legislature has provided that the County will maintain the authority to exercise the powers and responsibilities for comprehensive planning and land development regulation granted by law with respect to large load customers:

Local governments shall maintain the authority to exercise the powers and responsibilities for comprehensive planning and land development regulation granted by law with respect to large load customers. A large load customer may not be considered an electric substation for the purposes of s. 163.3208.

Section 163.326(2), Florida Statutes (2026)

- 2.3 The County provides governmental services to its citizens, including the regulation of businesses, activities and land uses.
- 2.4 The appropriate regulation and permitting of businesses, activities and land uses are vital to the public's health, safety, morals and welfare, and deficient or inadequate regulations can lead to public harm.
- 2.5 Data Center Facilities are known to require substantial water resources for cooling systems and substantial electrical power to support continuous computing operations, which in some cases require infrastructure demands comparable to small municipalities.
- 2.6 Data Center Facilities have the potential to place significant demands on regional groundwater supplies, water treatment infrastructure, and electrical grid capacity.
- 2.5-7 The County currently lacks ~~specific zoning provisions or~~ sufficient local comprehensive planning and/or land development regulations ~~addressing to properly address~~ the unique ~~operational characteristics~~ planning, infrastructure ~~requirements~~, and ~~environmental compatibility~~ considerations ~~associated with presented by~~ Data Center Facilities, including considerations related to infrastructure capacity, land use compatibility, environmental impacts, and the efficient provision of public facilities and services.
- 2.68 Allowing the siting of Data Center Facilities to proceed without appropriate