

- 2.1⁴⁶ The Board finds this ordinance imposing a temporary moratorium on the acceptance, review, or approval of applications for Data Center Facilities serves the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of and visitors to the County.
- 2.1⁵⁷ This ordinance is not inconsistent with the County's adopted Comprehensive Plan.
3. Staff Directed to Study and Make Recommendations Concerning the Regulation of the Establishment and/or Siting of Data Center Facilities in the County. The County Manager is hereby authorized and directed to undertake, prepare and complete a study or studies, to determine and support the appropriate regulatory response, if any, to the location, establishment and/or siting of any Data Center Facilities, and if such are to be allowed, to develop the criteria for issuance of permits or other official action for the same, as well as the appropriate zoning and land use controls thereon, and to submit to the Board recommendations as soon as practicable.
4. Notice of Intent to Possibly Regulate the Establishment and/or Siting of Data Center Facilities. County staff ^{have}~~has~~ been directed to study and, depending on the outcome of such studies, make recommendations concerning appropriate regulations (including no regulation, less intensive regulations, more intensive regulations and possibly prohibition) on the establishment and/or siting of Data Center Facilities within the County. These regulations, if adopted, may amend the County's Comprehensive Plan, Land Development Code and/or Code of Ordinances with regard to the establishment and/or siting of Data Center Facilities within the County. All affected property and business owners are placed on notice with respect to these pending regulations and the action being taken by the appropriate departments within the County.
5. Temporary Moratorium. A temporary moratorium is hereby established on all activities by the County, through the Board, its officials, consultants, appointed bodies and staff, relating to the acceptance, review, processing or approval of any applications (including applications pending prior to the effective date of this ordinance) for any Permit or the issuance of any Permit.
6. Duration of the Temporary Moratorium and Extension Thereof. The temporary moratorium shall be in effect from the effective date of this ordinance until June 15, 2027, unless extended as set out herein. The temporary moratorium may be extended by written resolution of the Board for a period not to exceed ninety days. In any such written resolution, the Board must find that:
- 6.1 The circumstances giving rise to the need for the temporary moratorium continue to exist;
- 6.2 Reasonable progress is being made in completing the study or studies authorized