

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-_____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA, IMPOSING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE ACCEPTANCE, REVIEW, PROCESSING, OR APPROVAL OF ANY APPLICATIONS (INCLUDING APPLICATIONS PENDING PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE) FOR ANY LAND USE CHANGE, REZONING, CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, DEVELOPMENT PERMIT, SITE PLAN APPROVAL, BUILDING PERMITS OR OTHER DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, EXPANSION, OR OPERATION OF DATA CENTER FACILITIES; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FINDINGS SUPPORTING THE ADOPTION OF THIS ORDINANCE; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PREPARATION OF A STUDY OR STUDIES REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND/OR SITING OF DATA CENTER FACILITIES IN THE COUNTY AND THE SUBMITTAL OF RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE PROHIBITION OR REGULATION THEREOF; PROVIDING NOTICE TO ALL AFFECTED PERSONS THAT THE COUNTY IS IN THE PROCESS OF IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND/OR SITING OF DATA CENTER FACILITIES IN THE COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR THE DURATION OF THE TEMPORARY MORATORIUM AND FOR THE EXTENSION THEREOF; PROVIDING THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY MAKE EXCEPTIONS TO THE TEMPORARY MORATORIUM DUE TO EXTRAORDINARY HARDSHIP AND THE PROCEDURE FOR REQUESTING THE SAME; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE EFFECTIVE ONLY IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF THE COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR NO CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MADISON COUNTY:

1. Definitions. As used in this ordinance, the following terms and phrases shall have the meanings herein ascribed unless the context clearly requires otherwise:
 - 1.1 *Board* means the Board of County Commissioners of the County.
 - 1.2 *County* means Madison County, Florida.
 - 1.3 *Data Center* has the same meaning as given such term in Section 373.203, Florida