

Grant County Board of Supervisors
Resolution 2026-14
DATA CENTER DEVELOPMENT MORATORIUM

WHEREAS, Grant County has previously enacted Ordinances related to Land Use Legislation, including Comprehensive Plan and Zoning, to regulate the use of property in the unincorporated area of the county to promote health, safety, and general welfare; and

WHEREAS, Grant County, pursuant to section 59 of the Wisconsin Statutes, has previously enacted the Grant County Comprehensive Plan as required by section 66.1001(4)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes to establish land use goals and policies for the unincorporated area of the county; and

WHEREAS, a recent land use commonly referred to as data centers, being establishments used primarily for the storage, management, processing, and transmission of digital data, which house computer or network equipment, systems, servers, appliances, and other associated components related to digital data storage and operations, are being proposed throughout Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the Grant County Board of Supervisors find that there may be potential health and safety concerns related to the construction and operation of data centers, including overburdening public services and infrastructure, impacts on property values, conversion of productive agricultural land, and the general welfare of residents, businesses, and visitors; and

WHEREAS, Grant County has not contemplated the potential impacts of data centers when first developing and subsequently revising its zoning ordinance regulations and policies contained within its Comprehensive Plan' and

WHEREAS, the Grant County Conservation, Sanitation, and Zoning Committee discussed data center information and potential impacts at their December 4, 2025 and February 5, 2026 meetings as an educational opportunity to be considered for possible regulations that address these land uses which may include a moratorium of development of data centers; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grant County Board of Supervisors has reviewed the recommendation and determined that a moratorium on the development of data centers would allow Grant County to fully explore, analyze, and research the environmental, economic, health, and safety aspects of data centers and to develop reasonable zoning regulations to be applied to data centers consistent with the Grant County Comprehensive Plan.

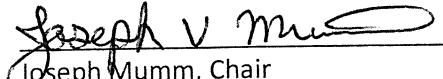
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that for the purposes of this resolution, a hyperscale data center is a data center scaled to support high-volume processing, storage, management, and transmission of digital information and applications, and uses at least 5,000 servers and 10,000 square feet of floor space.

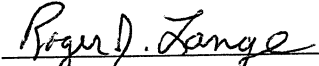
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 59.69(4), Grant County enacts a moratorium on applications for and granting of all zoning related permits for the placement or construction of hyperscale data centers in unincorporated areas of Grant County for a period of up to twelve (12) months.

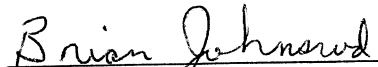
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the moratorium enacted herein is not intended to be, and does not constitute a "development moratorium" as defined in Wisconsin Statute 66.1002(1)(b).

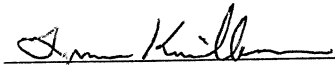
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Presented and recommended for passage on this 4th day of June, 2026, by the Conservation, Sanitation and Zoning Committee of the Grant County Board of Supervisors, Lancaster, Wisconsin.


Joseph Mumm, Chair


Roger Lange, Vice – Chair


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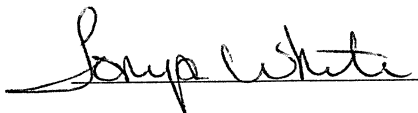

Lynn Kirschbaum


Brian Lucey

The above and foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Grant County Board of Supervisors this 16th day of June 2026.


Robert C Keeney, Grant County Board Chair

ATTEST:


Tonya White, County Clerk