

TOWNSHIP OF SOLON
COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Township of Solon, held at the Solon Township Hall, 15185 Algoma Avenue NE, within said Township, on the 9th day of February, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Hoskins, Willoughby, Ellick, Anielski, Stout

ABSENT: none

The following resolution was offered by Willoughby and seconded by Stout:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-01

RESOLUTION ENACTING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON APPLICATIONS FOR ZONING AND BUILDING REVIEW WITH RESPECT TO DATA CENTERS AND DIGITAL MINING USES

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, Public Act 110 of 2006, MCL 125.3101, *et seq.* (the “MZEA”), the Township has adopted a Zoning Ordinances that establishes zoning districts and zoning regulations for the entire Township;

WHEREAS, a new land use, commonly known as “Data Centers”, has begun to be proposed and developed with increasing frequency in the State of Michigan and around Kent Country, which are secure buildings filled with computer servers that store, process and transmit data in support of internet functions and other digital services;

WHEREAS, data and computer processing centers have been established in the past in the West Michigan area, but the Data Centers being proposed in Michigan are substantially larger, and can require hundreds of acres and large amounts of power, water for cooling, and other resources;

WHEREAS, the Township has not received an Application for a Data Center, but the type of Data Centers that have recently been proposed were not envisioned by the Township when the Township Zoning Ordinance was originally adopted, nor when the Zoning Ordinance was last

amended, such that the Zoning Ordinance currently does not include specific requirements related to use of land, buildings and structures for this purpose that addresses the potential adverse impacts of the use;

WHEREAS, a related new land use, commonly known as cryptocurrency mining or digital mining, which is a use involving a building or structure that is primarily occupied by computers used to “mine” digital currency (such as “Bitcoin” or “cryptocurrency”) has also been proposed in Michigan either as a separate use or concurrently with Data Centers;

WHEREAS, Digital Mining Uses were not envisioned by the Township when the Township Zoning Ordinance was originally adopted, nor when the Zoning Ordinance was last amended, such that the use of land, buildings and structures for this purpose is currently not permitted or regulated in any way under the terms of the Zoning Ordinance;

WHEREAS, on January 28, 2026 the Planning Commission adopted a motion requesting the Township Board adopt a 90 day moratorium on Data Centers;

WHEREAS, the Township desires to ascertain the most appropriate and safest means for regulating the use of lands, buildings or structures for Data Centers and Digital Mining Uses, in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of Township residents;

WHEREAS, the Township Board finds that it is in the public interest to enact a 6 month temporary moratorium, lasting until Monday, August 10, 2026, unless later extended by the Township Board, with respect to the Township’s review of zoning applications and other approvals for Data Centers and Digital Mining Uses, as specified below, so as to preserve the status quo in the interim; to prevent the development of Data Centers and Digital Mining Uses that may not be in the best interest of Township development plans; to prevent the development of Data Centers and Digital Mining Uses that might be detrimental to the health, safety and/or welfare of Township

residents; and, to allow the Township sufficient time to evaluate, develop and potentially enact amendments to the Zoning Ordinance that will establish new regulations for Data Centers and Digital Mining Uses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. ***Temporary Moratorium.*** A temporary moratorium on Township consideration of applications for Data Centers and Digital Mining Uses is hereby adopted under the following terms, conditions, and limitations:

(a) During the temporary moratorium, no Township officer, employee, agent, contractor, board, agency or commission shall process or review any zoning or building application for the use of any land, building or structure for a Data Center and/or a Digital Mining Use, or issue a permit, license or other form of approval which would allow any land, building or structure to be used for a Data Center and/or a Digital Mining Use.

(b) The temporary moratorium is effective as to all applications for Data Centers and Digital Mining Uses that have been received in the Township on or after January 1, 2026.

(c) The temporary moratorium shall remain in effect until August 10, 2026, unless previously terminated or otherwise extended by the Township Board.

(d) The moratorium applies only to the types of applications stated in this Resolution.

2. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are hereby rescinded.

AYES: Hoskins, Willoughby, Ellick, Anielski, Stout

NAYS: none

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Dorothy Willoughby
Dorothy Willoughby, Township Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Township of Solon at a regular meeting thereof held on the date first stated above, and I further certify that public notice of such meeting was given as provided by law.

Dorothy Willoughby
Dorothy Willoughby, Township Clerk