

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 13th day of July, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Stout, Anielski, Ellick, Willoughby, Hoskins

ABSENT: none

The following resolution was offered by Member Anielski and seconded by Member Hoskins:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-10

**RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE 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 Ordinance 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 County;

WHEREAS, Data Centers are secure buildings filled with computer servers that store, process and transmit data in support of internet functions and other digital services, and which are typically accompanied by networking equipment, water-fueled cooling systems (to prevent overheating), backup power systems and security systems, and which typically have minimal on-site staffing, limited customer visitation and no retail activity;

WHEREAS, data and computer processing centers have been established in the past in the area, but the Data Centers being proposed are substantially larger than data or computer processing

centers developed in the past, and can require hundreds of acres and large amounts of power, water for cooling and other resources;

WHEREAS, 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, on February 9, 2026, the Township Board adopted its resolution providing for a “Temporary Moratorium on Applications for Zoning and Building Review with Respect to Data Centers and Digital Mining Uses;”

WHEREAS, since adoption of the first Resolution imposing the moratorium, the Township Planning Commission has diligently studied possible local approaches to regulation of Data Centers and Digital Mining Uses and become informed of the evolving approach to such regulation considered and enacted in other communities across the State of Michigan;

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission first considered a draft amending ordinance for regulating the use of lands, buildings or structures for Data Centers and Digital Mining Uses at a public meeting on February 25, 2026, wherein many members of the community provided substantial commentary regarding the draft amending ordinance and several other issues related to Data Centers;

WHEREAS, on February 25, 2026, the Planning Commission authorized a three-person subcommittee consisting of three Planning Commission members to evaluate and assess the comments and concerns raised by Planning Commission members and Township residents;

WHEREAS, the subcommittee has met numerous times over the past months to evaluate the data available to it and presented revised amending ordinances to the Planning Commission;

WHEREAS, members of the community have continued to provide substantial commentary and express concern about whether the draft amending ordinance provisions adequately and appropriately regulate the use of lands, buildings or structures for Data Centers and Digital Mining Uses;

WHEREAS, the Township has become aware of pending legislation in the Michigan Legislature, such as Senate Bill Nos. 1046 through 1051, that would establish regulations for Data Centers, including, but not limited to, a water usage permit, a requirement for developers to bear the cost of infrastructure upgrades and a requirement enforcing clean energy sourcing. If enacted, this legislation would impact and inform the Township's drafting of its own potential amending ordinance;

WHEREAS, the Township's study and evaluation of potential amendments to the Zoning Ordinance that could establish new regulations to adequately and appropriately regulate the use of lands, buildings or structures for Data Centers and Digital Mining Uses has not yet been completed in light of the significant community feedback, recent developments in the law and evolving information available on data centers.

IT IS, THEREFORE, RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. ***Temporary Moratorium.*** The moratorium imposed February 9, 2026, and set to expire on August 10, 2026, is hereby extended until February 9, 2027, in accordance with all the orders, restrictions, directives, terms and conditions of the moratorium as originally adopted February 9, 2026.

2. The Planning Commission, Township staff, and Planning Commission Subcommittee shall continue diligent review and study of the regulation of the use of lands, buildings or structures for Data Centers and Digital Mining Uses, and prepare a recommendation and ordinance for consideration, with a goal of an effective date prior to February 9, 2027.

3. 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