TOWNSHIP OF SOLON
KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT
DATA CENTERS AND DIGITAL MINING USES

TO THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF SOLON TOWNSHIP, KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Solon Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 16, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., at the Solon Township Hall, 15185 Algoma Ave NE, Cedar Springs, MI 49319, to receive public comment on a proposed amendment to the Solon Township Zoning Ordinance regarding data centers and digital mining uses. The public hearing is being held pursuant to the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, 2006 PA 110, as amended.

The proposed amendment would regulate data centers and digital mining uses throughout the Township. In summary, the proposed amendment includes the following:

1. Adding legislative findings regarding the potential land use impacts of medium-scale and hyperscale data centers, including the requirement that applicants identify direct, substantial, and enforceable project-specific public benefits.

2. Adding a new Section 3.39 (Data Centers and Digital Mining Uses), which establishes definitions for accessory, small-scale, medium-scale, and hyperscale data centers, colocation data centers, digital mining uses, and related terms; application, environmental, and community impact assessment requirements; and general regulations governing noise, mechanical equipment, setbacks and environmental buffers, hazardous materials, air and water quality, stormwater, cooling methods, electrical power and utilities, lighting, fencing, parking, safety, emergency contacts, expansion, and decommissioning. Section 3.39 also limits the total Project Area for all data centers and digital mining uses in the Township to 800 acres, provides for aggregation of related facilities, and limits digital mining uses to accessory and small-scale uses.

3. Amending Section 9.02(B)(1) to clarify that data processing business services permitted in the NC Neighborhood Commercial District do not include data centers or digital mining uses.

4. Amending Section 11.02 to permit accessory data centers and digital mining uses as permitted accessory uses, and small-scale data centers and digital mining uses as permitted uses, in the LI Light Industrial District.

5. Amending Section 11.03 to allow medium-scale and hyperscale data centers as special land uses in the LI Light Industrial District.

6. Adding a new Section 16.04(MM), which establishes special land use requirements for medium-scale and hyperscale data centers, including additional application materials and water feasibility studies, construction restrictions, special escrows, decommissioning financial security, location requirements, minimum lot area, building height, lot coverage, landscaping and berms, cooling methods, generators, battery storage, liability insurance, inspections, public amenities, compatibility standards, and remedies.

The proposed amendment applies throughout the Township and is not a rezoning of any particular parcel of land. The above is a summary only. The complete text of the proposed amendment may be examined at the Solon Township Hall, 15185 Algoma Avenue NE, within the Township, during regular business hours, Monday through Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., until the date of the public hearing, and will also be available at the public hearing.

All interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing and be heard. Written comments regarding the proposed amendment may be submitted to the Solon Township Clerk at the Solon Township Hall, 15185 Algoma Avenue NE, at any time prior to the public hearing, and will also be received by the Planning Commission at the public hearing. Following the public hearing, the Planning Commission may make a recommendation regarding the proposed amendment to the Solon Township Board.

Solon Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the hearing, to individuals with disabilities upon 5 business days' notice to the Township. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Solon Township Clerk at the address above or by calling (616) 696-1718.

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