

RESOLUTION No. 25-061

**RESOLUTION TO ENACT A NINE-MONTH MORATORIUM ON THE RECEIPT, PROCESSING, ISSUANCE OR APPROVAL OF ANY APPLICATION FOR A ZONING CERTIFICATE FOR NAICS 518-DATA PROCESSING, HOSTING AND RELATED SERVICES (DATA CENTERS) UNDER ARTICLE 4, SECTIONS 440.01 & 445.01 OR ARTICLE 5 OF THE JEROME ZONING RESOLUTION**

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Township Trustees of Jerome Township, Union County, Ohio, (the "Board"), has adopted the Jerome Township Zoning Resolution (the "Zoning Resolution") which contains numerous zoning districts with respect to residential, business, commercial and other land uses; and

**WHEREAS**, central Ohio, including Jerome Township, has experienced a recent surge in land being used for data centers and related services; and

**WHEREAS**, a recent study has shown that Ohio ranks fourth in the nation in the volume of data centers; and

**WHEREAS**, data centers and related services consume vast amounts of land, electricity and often water depending upon their cooling technology, thereby creating a tremendous strain on public resources and infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, data centers may also have an adverse impact of non-compatible surrounding land uses such as noise and other related development issues; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board also recognizes that due such demand for land in Jerome Township for data centers and related services, the current Zoning Resolution needs to be reviewed and updated to ensure proper development can occur within Jerome Township and that Jerome Township has the necessary processes, resources and infrastructure in place to address such growth and demand for data centers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board, staff, and legal counsel need time to review, evaluate, revise, and implement certain textual revisions and determine related planning decisions, processes and resources in order to address the recent growth of data center demand in Jerome Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board hereby finds that significant legitimate public interests exist and that a temporary preservation of the status quo by suspending the receipt, processing, issuance or approval of any application for a Zoning Certificate for the current permitted use in Article 4, Sections 440.01 and 445.01 518-Data Processing, Hosting and Related Services and Article 5 is necessary to achieve the legitimate public interests and will further promote the health, safety and general welfare of Jerome and its residents.

**RESOLUTION**

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of Jerome Township, Union County, Ohio, that:

**RESOLVED**, that the Board believes it is in the best interest of the Township to institute a temporary nine (9) month moratorium until 11:59 P.M. on June 3, 2026 on the receipt, processing, issuance and approvals of any applications for a Zoning Certificate pursuant to Article 4, Sections 440.01 and 445.01 NAICS 518-Data Processing, Hosting and Related Services (Data Centers) or Article 5 of the Zoning Resolution. This moratorium is necessary to ensure such future developments align with the intent of the Board and to ensure proper development can occur within Jerome and that Jerome has the necessary processes, resources and infrastructure in place to address such growth and demand for data centers and that such interests are a legitimate public interest necessary to protect the public health, safety and general welfare.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Board may rescind this moratorium at anytime prior to the expiration of the 9 months.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby directs staff, legal counsel and LUC Regional Planning Commission to review the Zoning Resolution with respect to data centers and to take such steps as necessary to recommend any textual revisions to the Zoning Resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.



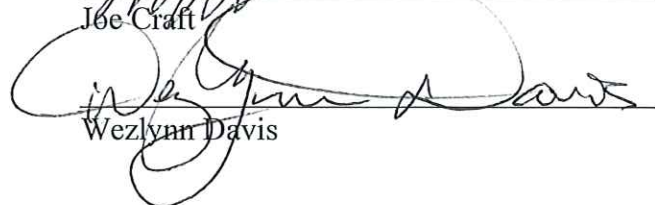
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

*Upon motion by Wezlynn Davis,  
Joe Craft*  
\_\_\_\_\_ seconded the motion and, the roll being called upon the question of adopting the Resolution, the vote resulted as follows:

Adopted: September 3, 2025

**JEROME TOWNSHIP BOARD OF  
TRUSTEES, UNION COUNTY, OHIO**

Voting Aye thereon:

  
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Barry Adler  
  
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Joe Craft  
  
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Wezlynn Davis

**JEROME TOWNSHIP BOARD OF  
TRUSTEES, UNION COUNTY, OHIO**

Voting Nay thereon:

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Barry Adler

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Joe Craft

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Wezlynn Davis

Attest:



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Rober Caldwell, Fiscal Officer