

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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COUNTY OF FULTON)

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FULTON COUNTY BOARD

MARCH SESSION, A.D. 2026

2026 ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SIX (6) MONTH MORATORIUM ON DATA CENTER & COMMERCIAL CRYPTO MINING OPERATIONS APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT IN FULTON COUNTY

WHEREAS Fulton County, Illinois has been granted authority to regulate and restrict location and use of structures pursuant to 55 ILCS 5/5-12001 et. seq. and to amend its' zoning regulations pursuant to 55 ILCS 5/5-12014, and

WHEREAS, the Fulton County Board is aware of the desire to develop Data Centers of varying sizes and capacities throughout the State of Illinois and Fulton County; and

WHEREAS, the Fulton County Board is aware of the common use of Data Centers for Commercial Crypto Mining Operations; and

WHEREAS, the Fulton County Board is aware of the extensive concerns of the residents and taxpayers of Fulton County in regards to the development and operation of Data Centers and Commercial Crypto Mining Operations, and

WHEREAS, the Fulton County Zoning Ordinance of 2009 does not currently have a dedicated section addressing the siting, regulations, and potential hazards of Data Centers & Commercial Crypto Mining Operations; and

WHEREAS, the extensive development of renewable energy in Fulton County has created a vastly increased interest in the development of Data Centers & Commercial Crypto Mining Operations in Fulton County; and

WHEREAS, the Fulton County Board has an interest in protecting the County's infrastructure, natural resources, wildlife and property values; and

WHEREAS, the Fulton County Board has an interest in protecting the health, safety, morals and general welfare of the residents of Fulton County; and

WHEREAS, the Fulton County Board, Fulton County Zoning Board of Appeals, Zoning Enforcement Officer, Supervisor of Assessments & Zoning, and States Attorney will require substantial time to hold public hearings, gather information, and coordinate with multiple agencies for the purpose of reviewing & creating a comprehensive Data Center & Commercial Crypto Mining Operations Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Fulton County Board wishes to place a temporary, six (6) month moratorium on special use permit and building permit applications for Data Centers and Commercial Crypto Mining Operations; and

WHEREAS, this temporary, six (6) month moratorium will not affect any current application for Data Center(s) or Commercial Crypto Mining Operations in Fulton County.

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NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDAINED AND ORDERED, by the Fulton County Board following review, consideration, and discussion, that a temporary moratorium on accepting special use permit and building permit applications for Data Centers & Commercial Crypto Mining Operations be utilized to allow County Officials time to further study the concerns expressed by residents & taxpayers, and develop comprehensive rules and regulations for the siting of Data Centers and Commercial Crypto Mining Operations. Said moratorium will be in full effect upon the passage of this Ordinance, with an expiration date of September 8th, 2026 at 11:59pm CST.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ORDERED, it is the Fulton County Board’s desire to instruct the Fulton County Zoning Board of Appeals and applicable County Officials to research, consult, review, develop and draft a comprehensive Fulton County Data Center & Commercial Crypto Mining Operations Ordinance, hold any required public hearings, and present a final draft of the Ordinance by the September 8th, 2026 Fulton County Board Meeting.

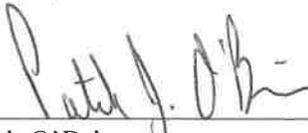
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ORDERED, by the Fulton County Board that this temporary, six (6) month moratorium on special use permit & building permit applications for Data Centers and Commercial Crypto Mining Operations will expire on September 8th, 2026 at 11:59pm CST, unless ended earlier by a County Board Ordinance or extended prior to September 8th, 2026, by a County Board Ordinance.

ORDAINED this 10th day of March, A.D. 2026.



John Spangler
Fulton County Board Chairman

ATTEST:



Patrick O'Brian
Ex-Officio Clerk of the Fulton County Board