

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-01

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY ONE-YEAR MORATORIUM ON ALL PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS AND PERMITS FOR DATA CENTER CAMPUSES AND SIMILAR HIGH-IMPACT FACILITIES IN THE TOWN OF TRINITY

WHEREAS, The Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Trinity, Alabama does not specifically define data centers; however, the term "data center" commonly refers to a facility used primarily for the storage, management, processing, and transmission of digital data, which houses computer or network equipment, systems, servers, appliances and other associated components related to digital data operation, and may also include air handlers, power generators, water cooling and storage facilities, utility substations, and other associated utility infrastructure to support operations; and

WHEREAS, these types of industrial facilities present unique challenges and potential impacts that may not be adequately addressed by Trinity's current zoning regulations, including, but not limited to, the following concerns: (1) extremely high energy consumption and strain on existing utility infrastructure; (2) significant noise generation from cooling systems and backup generators, affecting adjacent residential areas and general quality of life; (3) substantial water usage for cooling purposes; (4) potential environmental impacts, including hazardous material storage and electronic waste disposal; and (5) land use compatibility concerns; and

WHEREAS, Trinity's current zoning regulations were not developed with these specific types of high-impact uses in mind, and the Town Council needs time to develop appropriate, comprehensive standards to ensure that any future development of such facilities is consistent with the Town's long-term land use plan and protects the public interest; and

WHEREAS Trinity has a legitimate public interest in the regulating the design, size, location and operation of data centers in its municipal limits; and

WHEREAS, a temporary moratorium on the development of data centers in Trinity is advisable and appropriate to preserve the status quo while the Town Council studies an appropriate regulatory scheme and prepares necessary zoning ordinances, amendments to the zoning map, and such other or further regulations as may be required incidentally thereto.

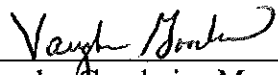
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Trinity, Alabama as follows:

1. A moratorium is hereby established on the acceptance, processing or approval of zoning permits, site development plan applications, subdivisions, and site development plan amendment applications, if any, beginning on the effective date of this ordinance, and a material purpose of which the development of a data center.

2. The moratorium established hereby shall expire on the date that is one year from the effective date of this ordinance, unless otherwise extended or repealed prior to such date.

3. This Ordinance shall be deemed effective upon its adoption and publication according to law.

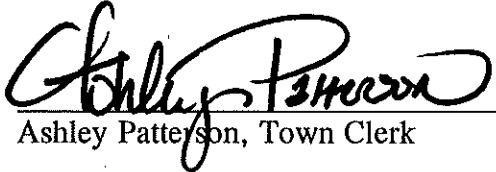
ADOPTED and APPROVED this 13th day of July, 2026.



Vaughn Goodwin, Mayor

ATTEST:

(SEAL)



Ashley Patterson, Town Clerk

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Ashley C. Patterson
Notary Public, Alabama State at Large
My Commission Expires September 20, 2028