

**A RESOLUTION REQUIRING A COUNTY WIDE HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY BEFORE ISSUANCE OF A LAND DISTURBANCE PERMIT (LDP) FOR DATA CENTERS.**

**WHEREAS**, The DeKalb County Planning and Sustainability Department and the Law Department have studied the effects of data centers on the health, safety, and welfare of the County's residents and businesses for the purposes of drafting possible regulations of data centers; and

**WHEREAS**, DeKalb County has been considering revisions to the Code designed to protect existing access to power and water supply for the County's residents; and

**WHEREAS**, additional research conducted by scientists and health experts will provide a comprehensive understanding of data center impacts. Further, a study will ensure possible impacts are documented therefor informing DeKalb County on any possible regulations as well as residents curious the possible impacts on their communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA:**

1. A County Wide Health and Environmental Impact Study must be complete prior to the issuance of a LDP for a Data Center.
2. For the purposes of this Resolution, "data center" means a physical room, building, or facility that houses infrastructure for building, running, delivering or transmitting applications and services, or for storing and managing the data associated with those applications or services.
3. Nothing in this Resolution shall prevent the continued operation of any existing data centers that is operating lawfully as of the date of enactment.

**ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

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**CHAKIRA JOHNSON**

Presiding Officer

Board of Commissioners

DeKalb County, Georgia

**APPROVED** by the Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

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**LORRAINE COCHRAN JOHNSON**

Chief Executive Officer

DeKalb County, Georgia

**ATTEST:**

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**BARBARA H. SANDERS-NORWOOD, CCC**

Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and Chief Executive Officer

DeKalb County, Georgia

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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