

**A RESOLUTION OF THE DEKALB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REQUESTING THE ADMINISTRATION AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT TO  
UPDATE THE RECOMMENDED SUBSTITUTE FOR TEXT AMENDMENT 2025-0972  
REGARDING DATA CENTER REGULATIONS.**

**WHEREAS**, DeKalb County is currently considering Text Amendment 2025-0972, which seeks to establish definitions and development standards for data centers within various industrial and office zoning districts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners has deferred action on this item until May 2026 to allow for additional community input and legislative refinement; and

**WHEREAS**, Super District 6 Commissioner Ted Terry has proposed critical amendments to the existing text to ensure sustainable and community-focused growth, specifically:

1. Special Land Use Permit (SLUP) Requirement: Mandating a SLUP for all data center applications to provide rigorous public oversight and site-specific impact review;
2. Scale Limitations: Striking the "data center campus" definition to effectively cap every development at 500,000 square feet to prevent unchecked industrial sprawl; and
3. Clean Energy: Incentivizing all new data center operations to utilize 100% renewable energy to mitigate the massive power demand on the local grid and align with DeKalb's sustainability goals; and

**WHEREAS**, these specific amendments are not currently reflected in the Planning Department's official recommendation or the current public-facing substitute; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners believes in maximum transparency and providing the public with ample time to review the specific legislative language that will be under consideration in May;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of DeKalb County, Georgia that the Board requests the Administration and the Planning and Sustainability Department to:**

1. Update the official recommendation and proposed substitute for TA 2025-0972 to incorporate these amendments; and
2. Publish this updated substitute for public review through the official county portals no later than March 1, 2026.

**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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