

THERE IS NO LEGAL OBJECTION TO THIS LEGISLATION IF AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

1. In the title, line 5, after "map" insert "and establishing supplemental use limitations for the protection of public health, safety, and welfare.".

2. Insert the following whereas clauses:

"WHEREAS, the City is implementing Form-Based Code Zoning Districts intended to encourage walkable mixed-use development, compatible neighborhood-scaled investment, adaptive reuse, and long-term revitalization; and

WHEREAS, the growth of artificial intelligence has coincided with a rapid growth of large-scale data centers across Ohio and the United States; and

WHEREAS, large-scale data (storage) centers and hyperscale digital processing facilities represent an emerging land use category not previously contemplated under prior zoning classifications; and

WHEREAS, data centers may generate substantial infrastructure, utility, environmental, operational and compatibility impacts materially different from traditional office and commercial uses; and

WHEREAS, the City Council further finds that additional study is necessary to evaluate the long-term impacts of such uses within mixed-use and neighborhood-oriented Form-Based Code Districts; and

WHEREAS, Council therefore determines that exclusion of data storage center uses within the area rezoned by this ordinance is necessary and appropriate to protect the public health, safety, welfare, infrastructure, capacity, and planning objectives of the City; and"

2. Insert new Section 10 to read as follows:

"Section 10. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of the Cleveland Codified Ordinances, including any use regulations otherwise applicable to the zoning districts established by this Ordinance, "Data Centers" defined as a large physical facility, or building primarily used for the housing of computers, servers, network systems, electronic data storage equipment, or related infrastructure supporting digital data processing, cloud storage, artificial intelligence computing, cryptocurrency mining, and substantially similar principal uses shall be prohibited within all properties rezoned or otherwise subject to this ordinance."

3. Renumber existing Sections 10 and 11 to new "Section 11" and new "Section 12".

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (Signed): \_\_\_\_\_

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