Township Of Blue Lake
County Of Kalkaska, State Of Michigan
Ordinance No: O-07082026-1
Adopted: July 8, 2026
Effective: Upon Publication After Adoption
An Ordinance To Enact A Temporary Moratorium On Data Centers

An Ordinance to protect the public health, safety, and welfare by establishing regulations relating to a limited moratorium on considering applications for data centers while the Township completes a study of ordinances and regulations pertaining thereto; to provide for severability; to repeal all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith; and to provide an effective date.

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SECTION I
FINDINGS

The Board of Trustees for the Township of Blue Lake has determined the following:

That the approval of data centers may result in or produce negative impacts on permitted land uses and development and may harm the public health, safety and general welfare of property owners and residents of the Township.

The Township Board is aware of significant public health, safety, and welfare concerns being raised by the public about the impacts of data centers.
The Township has a legitimate public purpose in assessing the regulation of the establishment and use of data centers within the Township to ensure that data centers do not interfere with other land uses, or have substantial negative impacts on the environment, public health and safety.
The Township Board finds that adopting a temporary moratorium is reasonable and necessary for, among other reasons, the following reasons:

Michigan courts have recognized that a moratorium is a common and legitimate tool to preserve the status quo while formulating a development strategy.

The Township Board desires to review and study the public health, safety, and welfare concerns regarding data centers and any Township regulations that may impact and/or regulate such projects.

The adoption of a temporary moratorium will allow the Township Board adequate time to study and possibly implement revisions to the Township's Ordinances and regulations, including attention to and consideration of citizen input and involvement, public debate, and full consideration of all issues and points of view.

The Township Board accordingly determines that it is desirable and in the public interest for the reasons set forth above that the Township Board adopt a temporary moratorium on the acceptance and/or processing of any applications for data centers.

SECTION II
MORATORIUM/TERM OF MORATORIUM

The Township Board adopts a temporary moratorium on the acceptance and/or processing of any applications for a data center. The temporary moratorium is in effect for one (1) year following the adoption of this ordinance by the Township Board, or until the effective date of any amended or new Township Ordinances or regulations addressing data centers are effective, whichever date occurs first.

SECTION III
EXTENSION OF MORATORIUM

Before this moratorium expires, the Township Board may extend the temporary moratorium by resolution as appropriate to allow sufficient time to complete amendments or additions to its Ordinances and regulations.

SECTION IV
SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any clause, sentence, word, section or provision is hereafter declared void or unenforceable for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect the remainder of such Ordinance which shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION V
REPEAL

All Ordinance or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION VI
EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect upon publication after adoption.

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Tracy Nichol, Clerk