

**Notice of Public Hearing  
Huron County Planning Commission  
Wednesday, April 1, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.  
Huron County District Court, Room 105  
250 E. Huron Avenue  
Bad Axe, Michigan 48413**

**Consideration of Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment ZA 2026-02  
Article XV: Huron County Zoning Ordinance  
[New Section] Section 15.02.13 Data Center Moratorium**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Huron County Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, April 1, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., during a regular meeting, to receive comments on the following proposed zoning ordinance text amendment pursuant to PA 110 of 2006, as amended, being the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act:

**ZA 2026-02:** The Huron County Board of Commissioners request that the Huron County Planning Commission conduct a public hearing for consideration and comment on the proposed new Article XV, Section 15.02.13, Data Center Moratorium.

The purpose of the proposed text amendment of Section 15.02.13 is more fully described below:

The County finds that it is within the right of the County under the County Zoning Ordinance to establish reasonable regulations to control land uses for data centers and similar uses. A moratorium should be imposed upon the issuance of any and all land use permits for data centers and similar uses for a period of six (6) months, or until an amendment of the Zoning Ordinance becomes effective, whichever occurs first.

More information describing the text amendment is available upon request by contacting the Huron County Building & Zoning Department and on the web at <https://www.co.huron.mi.us>.

Persons interested in the above are invited to this hearing. For those unable to attend the meeting, written comments will be accepted by mail at the Huron County Building & Zoning Department, 250 E. Huron Avenue, Room 102, Bad Axe, Michigan 48413, by fax to 989-269-3362, or by email [smithj@co.huron.mi.us](mailto:smithj@co.huron.mi.us). The Zoning Ordinance of Huron County, as well as the above request, are available for review during office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., prior to the hearing. Following the public hearing, a recommendation will be transmitted to the Huron County Board of Commissioners for action. Questions concerning the above should be directed to Jeff Smith of the Huron County Building & Zoning Department at 989-269-9269.

This notice is disseminated and posted pursuant to the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, PA 110 of 2006, as amended.

**Huron County Planning Commission  
Bill Renn, Chairman**

**ORDINANCE NO. ZA 2026-02**

**AN ORDINANCE TO IMPOSE A MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF  
LAND USE PERMITS FOR DATA CENTERS OR SIMILAR USES  
WITHIN HURON COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**Text Amendment to Huron County Zoning Ordinance Article XV:  
[New Section] Section 15.02.13 Data Center Moratorium**

**The County of Huron ordains:**

WHEREAS, the County desires to ascertain the best and safest path to regulate the use of land under the Huron County Zoning Ordinance for data centers and similar uses, e.g., data mining, server farms, etc.; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners has determined that it is desirable to avoid the issuance of land use permits for data centers and similar uses until an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance becomes effective, and specific standards and regulations are established; and

WHEREAS, the County Planning Commission recommended to the County Board that it set a moratorium for the approval of land use permits for data centers and similar uses for six (6) months, to allow time for the development of standards for the regulation of proposed data centers and similar uses; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following ordinance – to impose a moratorium on the issuance of land use permits for data centers and similar uses for a period of six (6) months from the effective date of this ordinance, or until the effective date of adoption of proper text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, whichever occurs first – is hereby adopted.

**Section 1. Findings.**

1. It is within the right of the County under the County Zoning Ordinance to establish reasonable regulations to control land uses for data centers and similar uses.
2. A moratorium should be imposed upon the issuance of any and all land use permits for data centers and similar uses for a period of six (6) months, or until an amendment of the Zoning Ordinance becomes effective, whichever occurs first.

**Section 2. Moratorium.** There is imposed for a period of six (6) months from the effective date of this ordinance a moratorium upon the issuance of any and all land use permits for data centers and similar uses within the jurisdiction of the Huron County Zoning Ordinance.

**Section 3. Expiration.** The moratorium imposed by this ordinance shall expire the earlier of six (6) months from its effective date, or on the effective date of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, whichever occurs first.

**Section 4. Savings Clause.** This ordinance shall in no manner affect pending litigation, either civil or criminal, founded or growing out of any ordinance, resolution, order or parts thereof, hereby repealed; and this ordinance shall in no manner affect any rights, claims, privileges, immunities or causes of action of the County or other person, either criminal or civil, that may have already occurred, accrued or grown out of any ordinance, resolution, order or policy, or any part thereof, hereby repealed.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon the expiration of seven (7) days after notice of ordinance adoption is published in a newspaper of general circulation in the County.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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County Board Chairperson

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County Clerk