JOYFIELD TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION 2026-07

A RESOLUTION IMPOSING A TWELVE (12) MONTH TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON DATA CENTERS AND CRYPTOCURRENCY MINING FACILITIES:

WHEREAS, the Joyfield Township Board ("Township Board") is authorized to protect and promote the public health, safety, and welfare of Township residents through the adoption and enforcement of the Township's Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board may, by resolution, impose a temporary moratorium on the review or issuance of any applications, permits, rezonings, licenses, or approvals for existing, new, or emerging land uses in the Township if the Township Board determines that a temporary moratorium is necessary to review, enact, or amend provisions of the Master Plan or Zoning Ordinance to address land uses that may impact the health, safety, or welfare of Township residents or property; and

WHEREAS, THE Township Board has observed increasing interest in the development of Data Centers and Cryptocurrency Mining Facilities, which constitute emerging land uses that may present unique and significant impacts related to land use compatibility, public infrastructure capacity, energy consumption, noise, environmental effects, public services, and long-term land use planning; and

WHEREAS, the Township's current Zoning Ordinance does not expressly or comprehensively regulate Data Centers or Cryptocurrency Mining Facilities as distinct land uses; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board finds that allowing applications or approvals for such land uses to proceed during the pendency of regulatory review could result in development that is incompatible with existing zoning districts or adversely affects the public health, safety, or welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Township Planning Commission has provided a recommendation to the Township Board to enact a temporary moratorium; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board finds that a temporary moratorium of limited duration is a reasonable and necessary planning to allow sufficient time to review, study, and consider potential amendments to the Township's Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Board of Joyfield Township, Benzie County, Michigan, as follows:

1. **Definitions.**
   For purposes of this Resolution, the following definitions shall apply:

Cryptocurrency Data Mining Facility: A facility dedicated to operating data processing equipment for commercial cryptocurrency mining and the process by which cryptocurrency transactions are verified and added to digital ledgers.

Data Center: A structure that houses information technology infrastructure and equipment for building, running, and delivering applications, and the storage of digital data. This includes Artificial Intelligence ("AI") Data Centers.

2. **Temporary Moratorium Imposed.**
   A temporary moratorium is hereby imposed on the review, acceptance, processing, or issuance of any applications, permits, rezonings, licenses, or approvals for Data Centers and Cryptocurrency Mining Facilities, including but not limited to zoning approvals, site plan approvals, special land use permits, zoning compliance permits, and building permits.

3. **Purpose of Moratorium.**
   The purpose of this moratorium is to allow the Township sufficient time to review, study, and recommend amendments to the Township's Master Plan and/or Zoning Ordinance to appropriately regulate Data Centers and Cryptocurrency Mining Facilities in a manner that protects the public health, safety, and welfare.

4. **Term of Moratorium.**
   The moratorium imposed by this Resolution shall remain in effect for twelve (12) months from the effective date of this Resolution, unless terminated earlier by action of the Township Board.

5. **Extension.**
   Upon a determination by the Township Board that additional time is necessary to complete the review, enactment, or amendment of the Master Plan and/or Zoning Ordinance, the Township Board may extend the moratorium by resolution for up to an additional six (6) months.

6. **Findings Adopted.**
   The Township Board hereby adopts the foregoing recitals as its findings in support of this Resolution and finds that the temporary moratorium is necessary and in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare of Township residents and property.

7. **Notice.**
   Notice of adoption of this Resolution shall be published within fifteen (15) days following its adoption. The notice shall include:
   a. A summary of the Resolution's effect;
   b. The length of the moratorium and whether an extension is possible; and
   c. The location where the public may inspect the Resolution enacting the moratorium.

8. **Repealer.**
   Any resolutions or portions of resolutions that are inconsistent with this Resolution are hereby repealed.

9. **Effective Date.**
   This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Moved By: J. Evans Supported By: Daugherty

Ayes: J. Evans, Daugherty, Streeter, and Putney

Nays: None

Absent and Excused: M. Evans

Recoverable Signature

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By: Signed by: a701efd1-86f9-4c67-b3c0-af2d9fa16f5f

Dodie Putney, Clerk
Joyfield Township

I, Dodie Putney, Clerk of Joyfield Township, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of Resolution 2026-07 which was adopted by the Township Board of Joyfield Township on the 7th day of October 2026.

Recoverable Signature

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Date:___10/7/2026_____

Signed by: a701efd1-86f9-4c67-b3c0-af2d9fa16f5f

Dodie Putney, Clerk
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