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2026 ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SIX (6) MONTH MORATORIUM ON DATA CENTER & COMMERCIAL CRYPTO MINING OPERATIONS APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT IN MARSHALL COUNTY

WHEREAS, Marshall County, Illinois has been granted authority to regulate and restrict location and use of structures pursuant to 55 ILCS 5/5-12001 et. seq. and to amend its' zoning regulations pursuant to 55 ILCS 5/5-12014, and

WHEREAS, the Marshall County Board is aware of the desire to develop Data Centers of varying sizes and capacities throughout the State of Illinois and Marshall County; and

WHEREAS, the Marshall County Board is aware of the common use of Data Centers for Commercial Crypto Mining Operations; and

WHEREAS, the Marshall County Board is aware of the extensive concerns of the residents and taxpayers of Marshall County regarding the development and operation of Data Centers and Commercial Crypto Mining Operations, and

WHEREAS, the Marshall County Zoning Ordinance of 2008 does not currently have a dedicated section addressing the siting, regulations, and potential hazards of Data Centers & Commercial Crypto Mining Operations; and

WHEREAS, the extensive development of renewable energy in Marshall County has created a vastly increased interest in the development of Data Centers & Commercial Crypto Mining Operations in Marshall County; and

WHEREAS, the Marshall County Board has an interest in protecting the County's infrastructure, natural resources, wildlife and property values; and

WHEREAS, the Marshall County Board has an interest in protecting the health, safety, morals and general welfare of the residents of Marshall County; and

WHEREAS, the Marshall County Board, Marshall County Zoning Board of Appeals, Marshall County Zoning Committee, Marshall County Zoning office, and States Attorney will require substantial time to hold public hearings, gather information, and coordinate with multiple agencies for the purpose of reviewing & creating a comprehensive Data Center & Commercial Crypto Mining Operations Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Marshall County Board wishes to place a temporary, six (6) month moratorium on special use permits and building permit applications for Data Centers and Commercial Crypto Mining Operations; and

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDAINED AND ORDERED, by the Marshall County Board following review, consideration, and discussion, that a temporary moratorium on accepting special use permit and building permit applications for Data Centers & Commercial Crypto Mining Operations be utilized to allow County Officials time to further study the concerns expressed by residents & taxpayers, and develop comprehensive rules and regulations for the siting of Data Centers and Commercial Crypto Mining Operations. Said moratorium will be in full effect upon the passage of this Ordinance, with an expiration date of November 14th, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ORDERED, it is the Marshall County Board's desire to instruct the Marshall County Zoning Board of Appeals and applicable County Officials to research, consult, review, develop and draft a comprehensive Marshall County Data Center & Commercial Crypto Mining Operations Ordinance, hold any required public hearings, and present a final draft of the Ordinance by the November 14th, 2026 Marshall County Board Meeting.

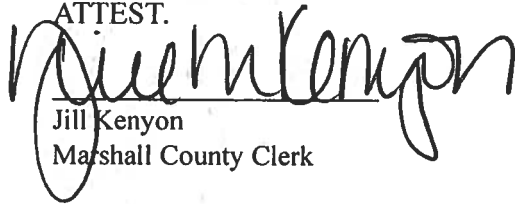
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ORDERED, by the Marshall County Board that this temporary, six (6) month moratorium on special use permit & building permit applications for Data Centers and Commercial Crypto Mining Operations will expire on November 14th 2026, unless ended earlier by a County Board Ordinance or extended prior to November 14th, 2026, by a County Board Ordinance.

ORDAINED this 14 day of may A.D. 2026.



Travis McGlassin
Marshall County Board Chairman

ATTEST.



Jill Kenyon
Marshall County Clerk