Agenda Item 26-0749 (Tim Acklin)

AN ORDINANCE to create Section 115-413 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse to establish a temporary moratorium on data centers.

General Location

City-wide

Background Information.

The subject legislation places a moratorium on any permits being issued for the construction of any data center, as defined in the attached proposed ordinance, for eighteen (18) months in order for the City to work with La Crosse County as part of an ad hoc committee to study possible impacts that data centers may cause to the environment, economy, as well as the health, safety and welfare of the citizens.

Recommendation of Other Boards and Commissions

N/A

Consistency with Adopted Comprehensive Plan

While data centers are not specifically addressed in the Comprehensive Plan, updating the City's Zoning Municipal Code where this land use will be incorporated, is a major objective within the plan.

Staff Recommendation

This item is recommended for approval.

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