



Planning and Economic Development

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From: Chris McLeod, AICP, Planning Manager
To: Planning Commission
Date: 5/13/2026
Re: Data Center Ordinance Discussion Draft#2

Enclosed is the second discussion draft of a proposed data center ordinance for the City of Rochester Hills.

As you may be aware, the Commission considered an initial draft of a potential data center ordinance at the April meeting. The attached second discussion draft provides updates to some of the language originally considered. The draft has been reviewed by the City Fire Department and their comments have been included where appropriate. In addition, the City Attorney has been reviewed by staff with the City Attorney and attorney comments will be forthcoming. Finally, City Staff has sat down to discuss the draft with a local acoustical (sound) expert and is contemplating next steps with that firm to provide additional input.

As you are also aware, the City Council adopted a 180-day temporary moratorium on data center development at its regular meeting on March 9, 2026. This moratorium temporarily suspended the processing of applications to allow the City time to evaluate and draft appropriate regulatory standards. Given the timing of the moratorium and where the draft stands at this time, the City is still in an acceptable position.

We look forward to your review and feedback. Please let us know if you have any immediate questions.