

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 03

Town of Harrison Lincoln County, Wisconsin

A RESOLUTION TO PETITION THE LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD TO PASS A COUNTY INTERIM CONTROL ORDINANCE PLACING A MORATORIUM ON DATA CENTERS NOT YET APPROVED

WHEREAS, a "Data Center" is one or more facilities or an array of connected facilities that house a group of electrical equipment, including but not limited to, networked server computers in one physical location or multiple locations in order to centralize the processing, storage, management, retrieval, communication, or dissemination of data and information; and

WHEREAS, the Town has concerns about the potential health and safety issues related to the construction and operation of Data Centers, including electrical connections, electric and magnetic fields, impacts on air quality and water resources, water use, electricity demand, noise pollution and fire hazards; and

WHEREAS, the Town has concerns the construction and operation of Data Centers will result in an overburdening of public services and infrastructure in Lincoln County, including electrical and water utilities, Town roads, and fire and emergency services; and

WHEREAS, the Town has concerns about the potential secondary impacts of the construction and operation of Data Centers, including impacts on property values in the Town, noise and visual impacts, and impacts on the public health, safety and general welfare of Town, residents, businesses, and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Town believes that Data Centers create a financial risk to their host municipality; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln County does not have an ordinance regulating the location and operation of Data Centers, and the Town believes that County regulation is necessary to protect the health and safety of Town residents, businesses and visitors; and

WHEREAS, Data Centers may not be consistent with the Town comprehensive plan, especially land within the Farmland Preservation Zoning District; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln County has authority under applicable law, including Wis. Stat. §§ 59.03(2)(a), 59.61(1), and 59.69(5)(e), to adopt an interim control ordinance placing a one year moratorium on the acceptance of any application for, consideration of, or issuance of, any permits for the placement or construction of Data Centers not already approved;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Town of Harrison Board of Supervisors that: The Town petitions the Lincoln County Board to:

- 1) Adopt an interim control ordinance placing a one-year moratorium (which may be extended for an additional 6 months) on the acceptance of any application for, consideration of, or issuance of, any permits for the placement or construction of Data Centers not already approved;
- 2) Research the environmental and economic effects of Data Centers; and
- 3) Establish consistent zoning and/or regulatory standards to be applied to Data Centers in Lincoln County.

Enacted on: April 21, 2026

TOWN OF HARRISON

By:

Brian Hanson Town Chairman
Brian Hanson

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION OF ENACTMENT

I certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Town of Harrison Board of Supervisors on the date indicated above.

Dated: 4/21/26

Kathy Voermans Town Clerk
Kathy Voermans

Posted on 4/22/26 by:

Kathy Voermans, Clerk