

**TOWNSHIP OF ERIE
COUNTY OF MONROE, MICHIGAN
LIMITED MORATORIUM ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF DATA CENTERS
ORDINANCE
ORDINANCE NO. 132**

An Ordinance enacted pursuant to Act 246 of the Public Acts of 1945, as amended, to provide for the public health, safety, and general welfare of the persons and property of the Township of Erie by the imposition of a limited moratorium on the development of data centers within Erie Township, Monroe County, Michigan.

THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ERIE, COUNTY OF MONROE, STATE OF MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:

SHORT TITLE.

Sec. 1. This Ordinance shall be known and referred to as the “Erie Township Limited Moratorium on the Development of Data Centers Ordinance”.

FINDINGS.

Sec. 2.

A. The Erie Township Board has recognized that the Erie Township Zoning Ordinance lacks provisions dealing with data centers and related land uses and lacks specific standards regarding said land uses.

B. The Erie Township Board has recognized that data centers being proposed in neighboring communities typically involve substantial energy consumption, water usage, infrastructure demand, continuous operation, and limited long-term employment relative to the proposed data center’s physical and environmental footprint.

C. The Erie Township Board finds that it is in the best interest of Erie Township that the Erie Township Planning Commission and the Erie Township Board have sufficient time to study zoning and other regulations regarding and applicable to data centers, and to review and adopt Zoning Ordinance amendments, general code ordinances, and/or regulations to adequately protect the public health, safety, and general welfare of the persons and property of Erie Township.

D. The Erie Township Board has concluded that during the pendency of its study and consideration of Zoning Ordinance amendments regarding data centers and related land uses that it is desirable and in the public interest for the reasons set forth herein that there be an immediate moratorium on the acceptance and/or processing of any applications (including existing

applications) for data centers, and that such moratorium run (1) a period one year from the effective date of this Ordinance, or (2) until the effective date of a Erie Township Zoning Ordinance amendment addressing data centers, whichever date occurs first.

MORATORIUM.

Sec. 3. There is hereby imposed a moratorium upon Erie Township's acceptance and/or processing of any applications, special land use or conditional land use applications (including existing applications, if any) for approval of and/or development of data centers, including, but not limited to building permits, land use permits, special land use permits, conditional land use permits, site plan approval, certificates of occupancy, and zoning permits for data centers. More specifically, there shall be no consideration or action taken by the Township Board, Planning Commission, or other Township entity, official, or agent, on applications for data centers under the Zoning Ordinance or any other applicable section of Erie Township general code ordinances.

No new data centers shall be accepted for review, considered, approved, or otherwise allowed during the moratorium period.

The Township Planning Commission, along with the Township planners, Township engineers, Township officials, and Township attorney, shall proceed with efforts to study the relevant state of the law, and shall present to the Township Board and Planning Commission a proposed plan for amending the Zoning Ordinance, or general ordinances, or any combination thereof, with respect to applicants for data centers, as deemed appropriate.

TERM OF MORATORIUM AND PROHIBITION.

Sec. 4. This moratorium imposed hereunder shall expire upon (1) one year from the effective date of this Ordinance, or (2) the effective date of an Erie Township Zoning Ordinance amendment addressing and regulating the land use known as data centers, whichever date occurs first.

SEVERABILITY.

Sec. 5. This Ordinance and the various parts, sentences, paragraphs, sections, subsections, phrases, and clauses hereof are hereby declared to be severable and if any clause, sentence, word, section, or provision is declared void or unenforceable for any reason, by any court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect any portion of the Ordinance other than said part or portion thereof.

EFFECTIVE DATE.

Sec. 6. This Moratorium Ordinance shall become effective the day following the date of publication of the Ordinance in a newspaper of general circulation in Erie Township, pursuant to MCL 41.184(2)(b).

THE TOWNSHIP BOARD, ERIE
TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF MONROE,
STATE OF MICHIGAN:

By: _____
Kimberly Cousino,
Erie Township Clerk

AUTHENTICATED:

Michael Grodi,
Erie Township Supervisor

I, Kimberly Cousino, do hereby certify that I am the duly elected and acting Township Clerk of the Township of Erie, and I do hereby certify that this Ordinance was adopted by the Township Board of the Township of Erie, Monroe, County, Michigan at a meeting of the Township Board held at Erie Township Hall, Erie, Michigan on the 10th day of February, 2026.

The vote on said Ordinance, five members being present and no members absent, was as follows:

Voting in Favor: C. Wisbon M. Evola
 M. Grodi S. Mishka
 K. Cousino

Voting Against: _____

Abstained: _____

Absent: _____

THE TOWNSHIP BOARD, ERIE
TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF MONROE,
STATE OF MICHIGAN:

By: _____
Kimberly Cousino,
Erie Township Clerk

AUTHENTICATED:

Michael Grodi,
Erie Township Supervisor

I, Kimberly Cousino, do hereby certify that I am the duly elected and acting Township Clerk of the Township of Erie, and I do hereby certify that a Notice of Adoption of Ordinance No. 132, was published on the 16 day of February, 2026 in the Monroe News, Monroe County, Michigan, a newspaper of general circulation in the Township of Erie, within thirty (30) days after adoption.

By: _____
Kimberly Cousino,
Erie Township Clerk

AUTHENTICATED:

Michael Grodi,
Erie Township Supervisor

Dated: February 11, 2026

ADOPTED: February 10, 2026

PUBLISHED: February 16, 2026

EFFECTIVE: March 16, 2026

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