



*AN ORDINANCE BY THE VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSBURG*

**ORDINANCE:1249 -26**

**AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON THE AUTHORIZATION OR ESTABLISHMENT OF COMPUTER DATA CENTERS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSBURG, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Williamsburg desires to impose a moratorium on the construction of data centers within the Village of Williamsburg for the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Village of Williamsburg; and

**WHEREAS**, the definition of computer data center for the purpose of this Ordinance shall be defined as a facility, or portion of a facility, primarily designed and used to house computer systems, servers, data storage devices, and related telecommunications and networking equipment for the purpose of storing, processing, managing, or transmitting electronic data. A computer data center typically includes supporting infrastructure such as electrical power systems, backup generators, cooling and ventilation equipment, fire suppression systems, security measures, and network connectivity, and is intended for continuous operation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council for the Village of Williamsburg desires time to study the economic and environmental impacts on the Village and its residents, or, alternatively, to develop and implement regulations regarding the possible location and operation of data center facilities within the Village of Williamsburg.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the Village of Williamsburg, Clermont County, Ohio, at least a majority of its members concurring:

**SECTION 1.** The Council for the Village of Williamsburg, Clermont County, Ohio, hereby establishes a moratorium with respect to the authorization or establishment of any computer data center, as that term is defined above, within the Village of Williamsburg for one (1) year from the date this Ordinance takes effect.

**SECTION 2.** This moratorium applies to all pending applications for which a final, non-appealable permit has not been issued as of the date of introduction of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 3.** This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the Village of Williamsburg and its residents.

**SECTION 4.** That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Village Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting, and that all deliberations of this Village Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were taken in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**SECTION 5.** That this Ordinance shall be effective at the earliest date allowed by law.

Attest:

James Weaver, Mayor

Lori Pegg, Fiscal Officer

**March 12, 2026**