

ROME TOWNSHIP  
LENAWEE COUNTY

RESOLUTION TO IMPOSE A MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS,  
LICENSES, OR APPROVALS FOR DATA CENTERS

At a regular meeting of the Township Board for the Township of Rome, Lenawee County, Michigan, held on the 11 day of JUNE, 2026, at 7:00p.m.

PRESENT: Bill Millner, Roxanne Sweet, Robin Robertson

ABSENT: Jeremiah Ruttkofsky, Leo Oswald

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Roxanne Sweet and seconded by Robin Robertson.

WHEREAS, the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, 2006 P.A. 110, being MCL 125.3101 *et seq.*, authorizes Rome Township (the "Township") to adopt reasonable regulations to control the establishment and use of Data Centers in the Township; and

WHEREAS, "Data Centers," for purposes of this moratorium, means a structure that principally houses information technology infrastructure and equipment for building, running, and delivering applications and for the storage of digital data, including without limitation cryptocurrency mining and artificial intelligence; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of Data Centers, particularly in more rural areas, is a new and emerging land use that may have substantial and adverse impacts on adjacent and nearby properties; and

WHEREAS, according to various scientific and media reports, some of which are attached as **Exhibit A**, Data Centers consume enormous amounts of electricity and potentially water; and

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With this, pursuant to Section 10-10 of the Zoning Ordinance the Township Board may impose temporary moratoria by resolution in the review or issuance of any and all applications, permits, rezonings, licenses, or approvals for special or other land uses in the Township if the Township Board desires to review, enact, or amend provisions of the master plan or zoning ordinance to regulate existing or emerging land uses that may impact the health, safety, or welfare of township residents or property and

WHEREAS, the Township finds that adopting such a moratorium is in the best interests of the public health, safety, and welfare and that the Township desires to review, enact, or amend provisions of the master plan and/or the Township Zoning Ordinance in order to determine whether regulations are necessary for the use and development of Data Centers in the Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Township Board of Rome Township resolves as follows:

1. The Township Board hereby petitions the Township Planning Commission to consider regulations regarding Data Centers, including without limitation where such may be permissible and appropriate, regulations to mitigate adverse impacts on adjacent properties

and uses, and thereafter make recommendations to the Township Board regarding any such proposed amendments in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended.

2. For purposes of this Resolution, a “Data Center” means a structure that principally houses information technology infrastructure and equipment for building, running, and delivering applications, and the storage of digital data, including without limitation cryptocurrency mining and artificial intelligence.

3. In accordance with Section 11.94 of the Zoning Ordinance, the Township Board finds that adopting such a moratorium is in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare and that the Township desires to review, enact, or amend provisions of the master plan and/or the Township Zoning Ordinance in order to determine whether regulations are necessary for the use and development of Data Centers in the Township.

4. Imposing a moratorium, on a limited temporary basis, is reasonable and necessary to allow time for review of and potential amendments to the Township’s Zoning Ordinance and/or Master Plan.

5. A moratorium should be imposed upon the issuance of any and all permits, licenses, and approvals for any property subject to or under the jurisdiction of the Township’s Zoning Ordinance for the establishment and use of Data Centers or until an amendment to the Township’s Zoning Ordinance regarding Data Centers is effective, whichever occurs first.

6. A moratorium is hereby imposed on the review or issuance of any and all applications, permits, rezonings, licenses, or approvals in the Township for Data Centers, so long as this Resolution is in effect.

7. The moratorium imposed by this Resolution shall remain in effect for \_\_\_\_\_ months following the effective date of this Resolution, or until Data Center regulatory amendments to the Township's Zoning Ordinance become effective, whichever occurs first. Before this moratorium expires, the Township Board may by resolution extend the moratorium for up to 6 months. If an extension is adopted, the Township will publish notice of the extension.

8. Any resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Resolution full force and effect.

9. This Resolution shall be published within 7 days of its adoption in accordance with Section 11.94 of the Zoning Ordinance and shall become effective immediately following publication.

A vote on the above Resolution was taken and was as follows:

ADOPTED:

YEAS: Bill Millner, Dyanne Sweet, Robin Robertson

NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF MICHIGAN                    )  
                                                  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF LENAWE                 )

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Township Clerk of Rome Township, Michigan, CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Township Board of said Township at a regular meeting held on the 11 day of JUNE, 2026.

Robin Robertson  
Robin Robertson, Township Clerk