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Advisory Committee to Address Data Center Development Standards following Moratorium Adoption

INDIANAPOLIS, IN — The Metropolitan Development Commission (MDC) voted to adopt zoning proposal 2026-AO-001, including a moratorium on new data center development, during their regular meeting on Wednesday, August 19. This follows similar votes by the Metropolitan Economic Development Committee (MEDC) and the full City-County Council, and has the support of Mayor Joe Hogsett.

The Department of Metropolitan Development (DMD), in collaboration with the Mayor's Office and the City-County Council, is retaining a consultant to facilitate additional stakeholder engagement, conduct industry research and provide recommendations for reasonable and responsible data center regulations.

An Advisory Committee comprising of industry professionals and community stakeholders will be convened to aid the consultant in their work and will also be tasked with providing recommendations for additional public engagement efforts.

The moratorium took effect immediately and remains in place until no later than December 31, 2027. The goal of the moratorium is to provide time to conduct additional research on data center development and the impacts it may have on Indianapolis and neighboring residents. Additionally, this period offers an opportunity for further community input before a revised zoning ordinance is brought forward for consideration by the City-County Council and MDC.

The anticipated timeline for the Advisory Committee and zoning amendment includes:

- September 2026: Selection of the consultant and invitation to Advisory Committee members

- October 2026: Commencement of Industry Research
- December 2026: Initiation of Advisory Committee working sessions
- January through July 2027: Continued research, meetings of the Advisory Committee and community engagement activities
- August 2027: Presentation of final committee recommendations, proposal of zoning amendment and launch of adoption process.

A copy of the previously proposed zoning ordinance, answers to frequently asked questions and other resources can be found at indy.gov/topic/data-centers.

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