

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-12

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A MORATORIUM ON APPLICATIONS FOR ZONING RELIEF, LICENSING, DEVELOPMENTS AND PERMIT APPROVAL FOR DATA CENTER FACILITIES AND WAREHOUSES IN ALL ZONING DISTRICTS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF STICKNEY, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS.

WHEREAS, the Village of Stickney (the "Village") is a home rule municipal corporation in accordance with Article VII, Section 6(a) of the Constitution of the State of Illinois of 1970; and

WHEREAS, the Village has the authority to adopt ordinances and to promulgate rules and regulations that pertain to its government and affairs, and to review, interpret and amend its ordinances, rules and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Village President (the "President") and the Board of Trustees of the Village (the "Village Board" and with the President, the "Corporate Authorities") are committed to ensuring the health, safety and welfare of individuals residing in, working in and visiting the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Stickney, Illinois (the "Village Code") and "Appendix A – Zoning" (the "Zoning Code") govern the orderly development and operation of businesses and residential uses within the Village; and

WHEREAS, neither the Village Code nor the Zoning Code specifically contemplate the use of real property within the Village as data center facilities or data center warehouses; and

WHEREAS, the Village has determined that the Village Code and the Zoning Code must be updated to take into account the novel concerns and issues related to data center facilities and warehouses, and have further determined that it is necessary to gather public input on these matters; and

WHEREAS, in light of the foregoing, the Corporate Authorities hereby establish a temporary zoning moratorium on data center facilities and warehouses in all zoning districts to preserve the status quo while the Village (i) gathers public input; and (ii) studies, analyzes, and possibly adopts new zoning and development regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities have determined that adopting a temporary moratorium upon the acceptance, approval and processing of certain applications (the "Applications") and zoning relief requests (the "Zoning Requests") for data center facilities and warehouses in all zoning districts within the Village will create a more stable environment so that revisions to the Village Code and the Zoning Code can be formulated, considered and adopted in an orderly and thorough manner; and

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing findings, the Corporate Authorities have determined that it is advisable, necessary and in the best interests of the Village and its residents to establish the temporary zoning moratorium and to adopt the rules and procedures prescribed herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Stickney, County of Cook, State of Illinois, as follows:

**ARTICLE I.
IN GENERAL**

SECTION 1. INCORPORATION CLAUSE. The Corporate Authorities hereby find that all of the recitals hereinbefore stated as contained in the preambles to this Ordinance are full, true and correct and do hereby, by reference, incorporate and make them part of this Ordinance as legislative findings.

SECTION 2. PURPOSE. The purpose of this Ordinance is to adopt rules and procedures for the moratorium on the acceptance, approval and processing of the Applications and Zoning Requests for data center facilities and warehouses in all zoning districts within the Village.

**ARTICLE II.
PROCEDURES**

SECTION 3. PROCEDURES. That the Corporate Authorities hereby authorize a temporary moratorium on the acceptance, processing and approval of the Applications and Zoning Requests, subject to the following procedures:

(a) *Scope of Ordinance.*

This Ordinance shall be applicable to requests, petitions and applications submitted to the Village seeking and/or requesting the issuance of licenses including, but not limited to, those licenses related to the operation and/or regulation of any data center facility or data center warehouse and applications for development approvals including, without limitation, building permits and zoning relief (collectively, the "Applications").

(b) *Suspension of Acceptance, Processing and Approval of the Applications.*

Notwithstanding any other provision of the Zoning Code, the Village Code or prior adopted ordinances, the Village shall not accept, process or approve the Applications for the six (6) month period following the effective date of this Ordinance (the "Moratorium") or until such other time as deemed appropriate in the sole discretion of the Corporate Authorities.

(c) *Impact on Pending Applications.*

Upon written request to the Village's Zoning Board Administrator, Building Inspector, Clerk or other applicable persons or departments, as applicable, pending Applications, if any, may be withdrawn during the term of this Ordinance. The Zoning Board Administrator, Building Inspector, Clerk or other applicable persons or department shall issue a refund of any license or application fee submitted with an Application that is withdrawn in accordance with these procedures.

(d) Termination of the Moratorium.

After termination of this Ordinance, as set forth herein, all terms, provisions and conditions of this Ordinance shall be deemed null and void, unless the moratorium is extended by action of the Corporate Authorities.

SECTION 3.1. OTHER ACTIONS AUTHORIZED.

The officers, employees and/or agents of the Village shall take all action necessary or reasonably required to carry out, give effect to and consummate the actions contemplated by this Ordinance and to take all action necessary in conformity therewith. The officers, employees and/or agents of the Village are specifically authorized and directed to conduct the aforementioned analysis, to publish any required notice, to conduct any required hearings and/or meetings and to draft and disseminate any and all necessary forms to be utilized in connection with this Ordinance.

**ARTICLE III.
HEADINGS, SAVINGS CLAUSES, PUBLICATION,
EFFECTIVE DATE**

SECTION 4. HEADINGS. The headings of the articles, sections, paragraphs and sub-paragraphs of this Ordinance are inserted solely for the convenience of reference and form no substantive part of this Ordinance nor should they be used in any interpretation or construction of any substantive provision of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and should any provision of this Ordinance be determined to be in conflict with any law, statute or regulation by a court of competent jurisdiction, said provision shall be excluded and deemed inoperative, unenforceable and as though not provided for herein, and all other provisions shall remain unaffected, unimpaired, valid and in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. SUPERSEDER. All code provisions, ordinances, resolutions, rules and orders, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith, are to the extent of such conflict hereby superseded.

SECTION 7. PUBLICATION. A full, true and complete copy of this Ordinance shall be published in pamphlet form or in a newspaper published and of general circulation within the Village as provided by the Illinois Municipal Code, as amended.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall be effective and in full force immediately upon passage and approval.

PASSED this 4th day of August, 2026.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTION:

APPROVED by me this 4th day of August 2026.

Mitch Milenkovic, President

ATTESTED AND FILED in my
office this 4th day of August 2026.

Candace Cetrangolo, Village Clerk