RESOLUTION #1105-03-25-2025

Resolution Approving a Moratorium on Data Mining Facilities

WHEREAS, Data Mining is the commercial process by which volumes of data are analyzed to find patterns, discover trends, and gain insight into how the data can be used will constitute a commercial data mining operation; and

WHEREAS concerns have been raised by public officials regarding the County's level of preparedness when it comes to the development of Data Mining Facilities within the county due to not having a current Data Mining Facility ordinance; and

WHEREAS the County has an interest in protecting the County's infrastructure, natural resources, property rights through adequate setback provisions and assurances in adequate fire protection. The Planning and Zoning Commission will require time to gather information and coordinate with multiple agencies for the purpose of reviewing, updating, or creating ordinances, policies, and procedures relative to Data Mining Facilities development; and

WHEREAS the Jackson County Board of Supervisors wishes to enact a moratorium on the development and construction of Data Mining Facilities and on issuing application for permits relating to such development and construction of Data Mining Facilities, for the term to end on August 31, 2025, which may be extended upon resolution of the Board of Supervisors, to allow the Board of Supervisors to adopt an ordinance that balances the rights of property owners seeking to have Data Mining Facilities on their property and be mindful of the health and safety of others.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Jackson County, Iowa, that a moratorium on the development and construction of Data Mining Facilities, and the application for permits relating to such development and construction of Data Mining Facilities is approved for a period of 5 months at which time the moratorium could be extended by resolution if deemed necessary by the Jackson County Board of Supervisors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Jackson County Board of Supervisors reserves the right to end the moratorium prior to the approved term of the moratorium upon completion of a satisfactorily developed Data Mining Facilities Ordinance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the moratorium approved by this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption of this Resolution.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE JACKSON COUNTY, IOWA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON THIS 25thth DAY OF MARCH 2025.

Don Schwenker, Chair

Attest:

Alica Smith County Auditor

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Mike Steines, Member