

Ordinance #2026-007

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA, HUNTERDON COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING SECTION 115-4 OF ARTICLE II, DEFINITIONS, OF CHAPTER 115 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA AND AMENDING SECTION 115-19, APPLICABILITY OF REGULATIONS; PROHIBITED USES, OF ARTICLE V USE REGULATIONS OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA TO ADD A NEW DEFINITION FOR DATA CENTERS AND IDENTIFY DATA CENTERS AS A PROHIBITED USE IN ALL ZONING DISTRICTS

Section 1. Article II Definitions, § 115-4 "Terms defined." is hereby amended and supplemented by adding the following definition for "Data Center," as follows:

DATA CENTER

A facility, building, structure, use, whether commonly referred to as a data center, server farm, colocation facility, cloud-computing facility, artificial intelligence computing facility, cryptocurrency mining facility, or by another similar name, that is used primarily for the storage, management, processing, transmission, exchange, or distribution of digital or electronic data and that houses or supports computer servers, server racks, networking equipment, data storage systems, telecommunications equipment, routers, switches, fiber-optic or other data communications infrastructure, or similar computer-based components and new generations of upgraded and/or replacement technology that replace or render any of the foregoing components obsolete.

Section 2. Article V. Use Regulations, § 115-19 "Applicability of regulations; prohibited uses," is hereby amended and supplemented by adding new § 115-19 D. "Data Center, prohibited use," as follows.

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(1) Data centers, as defined in § 115-4, are expressly prohibited in all zoning districts within the Township of Alexandria.

(2) Nothing herein shall prohibit ordinary, customary, and incidental computer servers, telecommunications equipment, data storage equipment, or information technology equipment that is accessory to and/or used solely in support of an otherwise permitted principal use or permitted accessory use on the same lot, provided that such equipment does not constitute a data center as defined in § 115-4.

Section 3. Renumbering. This ordinance may be renumbered for codification purposes.

Section 4. Repealer. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are repealed as to such inconsistencies.

Section 5. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

SECTION 6. Effective date:

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and any publication as may be required by law.

Jim Kiernan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michele Bobrowski, MMC, Municipal Clerk

1st Reading:

Publication:

2nd Reading:

Publication: