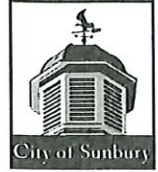


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RE: Proposed Citizen Initiative to Amend the City of Sunbury Charter

Enclosed is a proposed amendment to the City of Sunbury ("City") Charter that would prohibit the construction of data centers that have an aggregate monthly energy demand or peak load of more than twenty-five (25) megawatts, however derived from any energy source, or a combination thereof.

The proposed amendment is the result of a citizen petition to place the measure on the November 2026 general election ballot. Voters will be asked if the proposed amendment shall be adopted and may cast a "YES" or "NO" vote.

In November 2024, City officials announced an incentive to locate an Amazon Data Services data center complex on land zoned for industrial use within the Sunbury Business and Technology Park ("Business Park") located east of Big Walnut Creek. The City established the Business Park as an effort to diversify the City's tax base and support future economic development. The proposed Amazon Data Services project is the only economic development project announced for the Business Park.

Issues regarding power use, water consumption, noise, and other environmental and health effects have been cited as reasons for banning the construction of data centers. Others have identified increased employment, tax revenues, and capital investment as reasons to support such economic development projects.

The effect of each vote on the proposed amendment would be as follows:

- **Voting YES** would amend the City Charter to prohibit the construction of data centers with an aggregate monthly demand or peak load of greater than twenty-five (25) megawatts, however derived from any energy source, or a combination thereof.
- **Voting NO** would not adopt the charter amendment. The City's existing laws and regulations, subject to future lawful changes, would govern the development of a data center.

The City is providing this information to assist residents in understanding the proposed charter amendment and the question that will appear on the November 3, 2026 ballot. As required by law, the proposed amendment is enclosed containing the specific language that voters will consider.

If you have any questions regarding the proposed citizen initiative to amend the City of Sunbury Charter, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached by phone at 740-965-2684 ext. 260 or by email at mgroves@sunburyohio.org.

Regards,

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Enclosure (back)

ENCLOSURE

The proposed amendment would amend the Charter of the City of Sunbury to add Section 11.05 to Article XI to read as follows:

Article XI, Section 11.05: Prohibition of Construction of a Data Center.

- (A) The construction of a data center is hereby prohibited.
- (B) As used in this Section, "construction" shall mean the erection of one or more buildings, infrastructure, facilities, and related activities, which include preparations and modifications for same, for a common purpose.
- (C) As used in this Section, "data center" shall mean one or more buildings or physical facilities or infrastructure, located on a single real property parcel or on contiguous, adjacent, or otherwise aggregated real property parcels that:
 - (1) Are used primarily or exclusively for digital information services such as the management, storage, processing, and dissemination of electronic data and information through the use of computer systems, servers, networking equipment, and related components, including equipment cooling systems; and
 - (2) Has an aggregate monthly demand or peak load of greater than twenty-five (25) megawatts, however derived from any energy source, or a combination thereof.
- (D) This Section is self-executing.

Shall Article XI, Section 11.05 of the Charter of the City of Sunbury be adopted?

☐ YES

☐ NO