

RESOLUTION 2026-24

RESOLUTION PROHIBITING ACCEPTANCE AND ISSUANCE OF PERMIT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF DATA CENTER, AND PROVIDING A DEFINITION OF "DATA CENTER" FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Lyon County has determined that the construction of Data Centers and their accompanying infrastructure poses a potential risk to the County; and

WHEREAS, Lyon County has determined it appropriate to prohibit the acceptance of an application for permit, or issuance of a permit, for the construction of such a data center, until a new ordinance or zoning rule can be issued prohibiting such construction; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Lyon County, Iowa, that:

Upon the effective date of this Resolution, no application for a permit shall be accepted by Lyon County for data center installations, nor shall any permit be issued for the same until a new ordinance regarding data centers is passed by the Board of Supervisors. Data center installation has the same meaning except referring to the purchase, permitting, and construction of such a center. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed. This Resolution shall be effective from and after its final passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

For purposes of this Resolution, a "Data Center" means a facility, building, or group of buildings used primarily for the housing, operation, and maintenance of computer systems, servers, and associated equipment that store, process, or transmit digital data. Such facilities typically include supporting infrastructure such as electrical power systems, backup generators, cooling and ventilation systems, network connectivity equipment, and security systems. A data center may be operated by a single entity for its own use or by a third-party providing data storage, processing, or cloud-based services to multiple users. It would not include a typical office IT room or on-site server equipment that is incidental to the primary use of a building.

Passed and approved this 22nd day of September, 2026.


Steve Herman, Chairman
Lyon County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: 
Amy Sprock
Lyon County Auditor