

**PIERCE TOWNSHIP
CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO**

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 – 002

**A RESOLUTION INITIATING A ZONING MORATORIUM FOR DATA CENTER
USES LOCATED IN PIERCE TOWNSHIP**

The Pierce Township Board of Trustees met in their regular Board of Trustees meeting on February 11, 2026.

WHEREAS, the Pierce Township Land Use Committee and Pierce Township staff have evaluating emerging land uses, including data centers, and their potential regulatory impacts within Pierce Township; and

WHEREAS, data center uses present unique considerations related to land use compatibility, infrastructure demand, utility consumption, noise, building scale, and long-term impacts on surrounding properties; and

WHEREAS, the Pierce Township Zoning Resolution does not currently define or specifically regulate data center uses; and

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2026, the Pierce Township Zoning Commission voted unanimously (4–0) to recommend that the Board of Trustees adopt a zoning moratorium on data center uses until such time as the use can be appropriately addressed within the Township Zoning Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Pierce Township Board of Trustees wish to proactively address evolving development issues associated with data center uses to ensure compatibility with Township goals and policies; and

WHEREAS, the Pierce Township Board of Trustees and Township staff will require additional time to review, study, and make recommendations regarding the zoning, regulation, limitation, and/or potential prohibition of data center uses so that any necessary regulations conform to the goals of Pierce Township and help ensure the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and **WHEREAS**, a moratorium of eight (8) months on the establishment of data center uses will allow the Board of Trustees sufficient time to evaluate appropriate zoning standards, amend the Township Zoning Resolution accordingly and help ensure the public peace, health, safety and welfare of its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of Pierce Township, Clermont County, Ohio as follows:

SECTION 1: The Board of Trustees hereby imposes a moratorium on the establishment of data center uses within Pierce Township. During the moratorium period, the Board of Trustees directs and orders that no zoning permits, zoning certificates, site plan approvals or other developmental approvals for data center uses shall be accepted, processed, or issued by Pierce Township.

SECTION 2: The moratorium shall run for a period of eight (8) months. The Board of Trustees seeks to limit the duration of the moratorium and instructs the Township Administrator and Township staff to immediately undertake a review of data center uses and to work with the Zoning Commission to develop recommended zoning text and/or map amendments.

SECTION 3: The purpose of the moratorium is to allow the Township staff to review, study and make recommendations regarding the zoning regulations so that any necessary regulations conform to the goals of Pierce Township and help ensure the public peace, health, safety and welfare of its citizens.

SECTION 4: That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were taken in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 5: That the Board by majority vote hereby dispenses with the requirement that this Resolution be read on two separate days, pursuant to Section 504.10 of the Ohio Revised Code, and hereby authorizes the adoption of the Resolution upon its first reading.

SECTION 6: This Resolution shall take effect on the earliest date permitted by law.

Trustee _____ moved for the adoption of the foregoing
Resolution, seconded by Trustee _____.

Resolution adopted this 11th day of February, 2026. Pierce

Township Board of Trustees:

Allen M. Freeman

Nicholas J. Kelly

Joe Sheppard, DC

Attest:

Debbie S. Schwey, Fiscal Officer
Pierce Township, Clermont County, Ohio

Approved as to form:

Katherine L. Barbieri, Law Director