

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A 180 DAY MORATORIUM ON THE RECEIPT, PROCESSING, ISSUANCE, AND APPROVAL OF ANY APPLICATION FOR A ZONING CERTIFICATE FOR NAICS 518-DATA PROCESSING, HOSTING AND RELATED SERVICES (DATA CENTERS) UNDER THE VILLAGE'S PLANNING AND ZONING CODE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Village has determined it is in the best interest of the Village and its residents to adopt an ordinance enacting a 180 day moratorium on the receipt, processing, issuance, and approval of any application for a zoning certificate for NAICS 518-data processing, hosting and related services (Data Centers); and

WHEREAS, due to concerns relating to data centers the Village recognizes that the Planning and Zoning Code needs to be reviewed and updated to ensure proper development can occur within the Village and that the Village has the necessary processes, resources and infrastructure in place to address such growth and demand for data centers; and

WHEREAS, the Village has determined it is necessary and appropriate to approve a 180 day moratorium as described above.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Richfield, County of Summit, State of Ohio:

- Section 1: This Council believes it is in the best interest of the Village to institute a 180 day moratorium on the receipt, processing, issuance, and approval of any application for a zoning certificate for NAICS 518-data processing, hosting and related services (Data Centers). This moratorium is necessary to ensure such future developments align with the intent of the Village and its residents, to ensure proper development can occur within the Village and that the Village has the necessary processes, resources and infrastructure in place to address such growth and demand for data centers and that such interests are a legitimate public interest necessary to protect the public health, safety and general welfare.
- Section 2: The Council may rescind this moratorium at anytime prior to the expiration of 180 days.
- Section 3: All formal actions of this Council related to this Ordinance and all deliberations of the Council and of any of its Committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- Section 4: This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation for the public peace, health and safety of the Village, and for the further reason that this Ordinance is required to be immediately effective to enact an 180-day moratorium on the receipt, processing, issuance, and approval of any application for a zoning certificate for NAICS 518-data processing, hosting and

related services (Data Centers), and provided it receives the approval of two-thirds of the members of Council, shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, or otherwise take effect and be in full force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: 3-3-26

Rick Fleck
President of Council

Michael Uchek
Mayor

Dated: 3/3/2026

ATTEST:
Jeff Aron
Clerk of Council