

ORDINANCE NO. 1068

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS FOR DATA PROCESSING CENTERS, CRYPTOCURRENCY MINING FACILITIES, AND BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS.

Whereas, the City of Sweetwater, Tennessee, has adopted certain standards for Data Processing Centers, Cryptocurrency Mining Facilities, and Battery Energy Storage Systems by Ordinance No. 1066; and

Whereas, independently-verified peer-reviewed scientific studies have not found satisfactory evidence that currently existing data processing centers, cryptocurrency mining facilities and battery energy storage systems are capable of meeting the standards set forth in Ordinance 1066; and

Whereas, the City Commission finds it necessary to temporarily suspend any development related to the establishment of data processing centers, cryptocurrency mining facilities and battery energy storage systems to preserve the integrity of the zoning process and protect the public interest; now

Therefore, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, TENNESSEE, THAT:

SECTION (a) *Moratorium.* A moratorium is hereby imposed on the

ONE: issuance of any new permits for data processing centers, cryptocurrency mining facilities and battery energy storage systems within the corporate limits of the City of Sweetwater, Tennessee. No person, business, or entity shall engage in new development related to the establishment of locations for data processing centers, cryptocurrency mining facilities and battery energy storage systems within the city limits during the term of this moratorium.

SECTION (b) *Term.* This moratorium shall remain in effect until

TWO: independently-verified peer-reviewed scientific studies have found evidence satisfactory to the Mayor and Board

of Commissioners that currently existing data processing centers, cryptocurrency mining facilities and battery energy storage systems of the type for which permits are sought are capable of meeting the standards set forth in Ordinance 1066.

SECTION Violations of this ordinance shall be subject to enforcement
THREE: under the City's existing general code enforcement provision. In addition, the City may seek enforcement by injunctive relief from a state court.

SECTION This ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage,
FOUR: the welfare of the City requiring it.

Passed on First Reading:

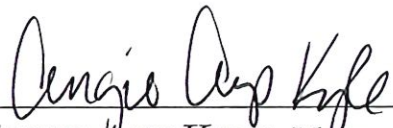
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Public Hearing Held:

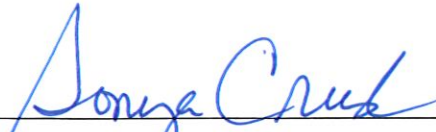
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Passed on Second Reading:

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ANGIE ARP KYLE, Mayor

ATTEST:


SONYA CRUSH, City Recorder