

ORDINANCE NO. 2026.007

AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON THE AUTHORIZATION OR ESTABLISHMENT OF COMPUTER DATA CENTERS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF BLANCHESTER, OHIO

WHEREAS, the Village of Blanchester (“Village”) desires to impose a moratorium on the construction of data centers within the Village of Blanchester for the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Village of Blanchester; and

WHEREAS, the definition of computer data center for the purpose of this Ordinance shall be defined as a facility, or portion of a facility, primarily designed and used to house computer systems, servers, data storage devices, and related telecommunications and networking equipment for the purpose of storing, processing, managing, or transmitting electronic data. A computer data center typically includes supporting infrastructure such as electrical power systems, backup generators, cooling and ventilation equipment, fire suppression systems, security measures, and network connectivity, and is intended for continuous operation; and

WHEREAS, the Council for the Village of Blanchester desires time to study the economic and environmental impacts on the Village and its residents, or, alternatively, to develop and implement regulations regarding the possible location and operation of data center facilities within the Village of Blanchester; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council for the Village Council of Blanchester, Clinton County, Ohio that:

SECTION 1. The Council for the Village of Blanchester hereby establishes a moratorium with respect to the authorization or establishment of any computer data center within Village of Blanchester for two years from the date this Ordinance takes effect.

SECTION 2. That this Council hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the passage of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately, or upon the earliest date as otherwise allowed by law.

 Mrs. Lewis moved the adoption and Mr. Coffman seconded the motion and the roll being called upon its adoption the vote resulted as follows:

Ms. Brooker- Yes
Mr. Coffman- Yes
Mr. Hill- Yes
Mr. Hopkins- Yes
Ms. Lewis- Yes
Mr. Parks- Yes

Adopted this 12th day of March, 2026.



John M. Carman, Mayor



Attest: Regina Johnson, Fiscal Officer

Fiscal Officer's Certificate:

The State of Ohio, County of Clinton, ss:

I, Regina Johnson, Fiscal Officer of the Village of Blanchester, County of Clinton, and in whose custody the files, journals, and records are required by the laws of the State of Ohio be kept, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance is taken and copied from the original Ordinance now on file with the said Village, that the foregoing Ordinance on has been compared by me and the said original and the same is a true and correct copy thereof, and has been posted as required by law. This Ordinance has been duly published by posting in the following places: Blanchester Municipal Building, 318 E. Main Street, First National Bank, 121 E. Main Street, Blanchester Post Office, 115 S. Wright Street, Tom's Express Mart, 7529 Fairground Road, and at the Blanchester Public Library 110 N. Broadway Street, each for a period of fifteen (15) days commencing on the 16th, day of March, 2026.

Witness my signature this 13th, day of March, 2026.



Fiscal Officer of the Village of Blanchester, Clinton County, Ohio

First Reading: 2/12/2026

Second Reading: 2/26/2026

Third and Final Reading: 3/12/2026