

Town of Enfield Local Law #__ of 2026

A local law amending the Site Plan Review Law in relation to Data Centers and Cryptocurrency Facilities

Be it hereby enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Enfield as follows:

A. Authority

This local law Addendum to the Site Plan Review Law for the Town of Enfield, New York (the “Town”) to be titled the “Data Center and Cryptocurrency Facility Law Addendum”, is adopted pursuant to Section 10 of the State of New York Municipal Home Rule Law and Section 130 and Article 16 of the New York State Town Law and all other powers and authority vested in the Town of Enfield to regulate and control land use and to advance and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the community.

B. Statement of Purpose

This Data Center and Cryptocurrency Facility Law Addendum is adopted to advance and protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the Town and its residents, including:

- 1) Defining data centers and cryptocurrency facilities; and
- 2) Protecting the Town’s environment and resources for future generations by banning the construction, installation or operation of any Data Center or Cryptocurrency Data Mine within the Town.

C. Definitions

The definitions of the Site Plan Review Law shall apply unless otherwise indicated in this Addendum.

ACCESSORY DATA CENTER – A building, or structure, or partial use of a building or structure, used to store, manage, process or transmit digital data for business uses, including computers, network equipment, systems, servers, and other associated components related to the digital data storage and operations that is secondary, subordinate and customarily incidental to and located on the same lot as the principal use of a property. Such a use cannot dominate the property or operate as an independent principal use.

DATA CENTER – An industrial use facility that is primarily used for the storage, management, processing, and transmission of digital data, and which houses computer or network equipment, systems, servers, appliances, and other

associated components related to the digital data storage and processing as a principal land use on a parcel. Equipment and accessories customary to data centers including but not limited to air handlers, power generators, water cooling and storage facilities, utility substations, and other associated utility infrastructure shall also be considered part of a data center.

CRYPTOCURRENCY – A digitally generated currency secured in a manner making it difficult to counterfeit or double spend.

CRYPTOCURRENCY DATA MINE – A specific type of data center using a facility or use of land, buildings, or structures where computing equipment is used to solve complex mathematical algorithms in connection with verifying and adding transactions to a blockchain or other distributed ledger, commonly known as cryptocurrency mining. For purposes of this law, a cryptocurrency data mining operation shall be considered a distinct land use, different from a “data center” as defined in this section.

D. Applicability

The requirements of this law, as amended, shall apply to any Site Plan review application pursuant to the Town’s Site Plan Review Law to build, construct, install or operate a Data Center or a Cryptocurrency Data Mine within the boundaries of the Town of Enfield.

E. Application Process

Notwithstanding anything in the Town’s Site Plan Review Law to the contrary, if an applicant proposes a land use that involves the construction, installation or operation of a Data Center or Cryptocurrency Data Mine, the Town’s Planning Board and/or Code Enforcement Officer shall deny the application for a Site Plan review and a building permit and refer the applicant to the Town Board for its review and possible consideration of an amendment to this Law.

F. Waiver

Notwithstanding anything in Section 3.1 or any successor provisions of the Town’s Site Plan Review Law to the contrary, the Planning Board may not waive any provisions of this Data Center and Cryptocurrency Facility Law Addendum.

G. Enforcement

Any violation of this law shall be fully subject to the enforcement provisions of Section 5.3 of the Site Plan Review Law or any successor provisions thereunder; provided, however, that in lieu of the monetary fines and/or civil penalties specified in Section 5.3 of the Site Plan Review Law for a First, Second or Third Violation, the monetary fines and/or civil penalties for any such violations shall be Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) per

day . For this purpose, any reference to “this Local Law” in Section 5.3 of the Site Plan Review Law shall be deemed to include a reference to this Data Center and Cryptocurrency Facility Law as well.

H. Severability

The invalidity or unenforceability of any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, provision or phrase of the aforementioned sections as declared by the valid judgment of any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, provision or phrase, which shall remain in full force and effect.

I. Effective Date

This law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the New York State Department of State.