

A Resolution initiating amendment of Enfield’s Site Plan Review Law to address Data Centers and Cryptocurrency Mines

RESOLUTION #2026-_____

Whereas, the Enfield Town Board holds the duty to protect the health, welfare and safety of its residents and preserve Town natural resources, while also recognizing a responsibility to promote reasoned growth compatible with environmental stewardship and community priorities; and

Whereas, the preservation of ground water resources, including those of Enfield’s natural aquifer, hold particular importance to community residents and to this Town Board; and

Whereas, the Enfield Town Board has enacted a Site Plan Review Law to facilitate managed growth within this Town; and

Whereas, the advancement of Artificial Intelligence(AI) Data Centers and Cryptocurrency Mining facilities across the nation, including the proposed Tera Wulf data center within the Tompkins County Town of Lansing, has prompted vigorous debate over the proper balance between economic progress and public responsibility with regard to these facilities; and

Whereas, even though the Town of Enfield currently lacks the natural or human-created infrastructure that would enable either a Data Center or a Cryptocurrency mine to exist within its borders, this Town Board holds responsibility to plan for any such facility’s future arrival; and

Whereas, the Enfield Site Plan Review Law as presently written makes no provision for the evaluation and/or the permitting of either AI Data Centers nor Cryptocurrency mines; and

Whereas, the well-publicized, divided public sentiment expressed among Town of Lansing residents concerning the proposed Tera Wulf AI Data Center affirms that the evaluation of relative benefits versus drawbacks of such centers defies kneejerk reactions, bandwagon bans, or otherwise hasty municipal responses, but rather calls for reasoned deliberation followed by responsible regulation; and

Whereas, this Town Board believes that the Enfield Town Planning Board stands best equipped to initiate this deliberative process within Town Government; therefore, be it

Resolved, that this Town Board directs the Enfield Town Planning Board to promptly consider and commence drafting appropriate amendments to the Enfield Site Plan Review Law to address the review and potential approval of AI Data Centers, Cryptocurrency mines and related facilities, the Planning Board to assign particular importance to the impact such a facility or facilities may have upon Enfield’s natural ground water resources; and be it further

Resolved, that the Planning Board is directed to report back to this Town within six (6) months of the date of this Resolution’s adoption with a proposed draft amendment or amendments to the Site Plan Review Law, amendments that this Town Board may consider for a public hearing and adoption.

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