RESOLUTION 26-04

A RESOLUTION ENACTING A TWO-YEAR MORATORIUM ON THE APPROVAL, PERMITTING, CONSTRUCTION, AND DEVELOPMENT OF DATA CENTERS AND CRYPTOCURRENCY MINING FACILITIES WITHIN THE CITY OF CROSS PLAINS, TENNESSEE.

WHEREAS, the City of Cross Plains is committed to protecting the public health, safety and welfare of its citizens while preserving the community's rural character, infrastructure capacity and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, large scale data centers, cryptocurrency mining operations and similar high intensity digital infrastructure facilities may create significant impacts on electrical infrastructure, water usage, wastewater capacity, transportation systems, emergency services, environmental resources, noise levels and surrounding properties; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that the City's existing zoning regulations and development standards may not adequately address the unique operational and infrastructure demands associated with data center and cryptocurrency mining developments; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds it necessary and appropriate to pause the approval, consideration and development of such facilities in order to allow sufficient time for research, study, public input and the consideration of comprehensive regulations and safeguards governing such uses; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cross Plains desires to ensure that future development occurs in a responsible and transparent manner that aligns with the long-term vision, interests of the community & the protection of our God given resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Cross Plains Board of Commissioners that:

Section 1. A moratorium is hereby established for a period of two (2) years from the effective date of this Resolution on the acceptance, processing, review, approval, permitting, construction, expansion, siting or establishment of any new data center or cryptocurrency mining facility within the corporate limits of the City of Cross Plains, Tennessee.

Section 2. For purposes of this Resolution:
"Data Center" shall mean any facility or group of facilities primarily used for the storage, management, processing, hosting or transmission of digital data, cloud computing operations, artificial intelligence processing operations, server farms or other similar high intensity computing infrastructure. "Cryptocurrency Mining Facility" shall mean any facility or operation primarily engaged in blockchain validation, cryptocurrency mining, Bitcoin mining or similar digital asset mining activities utilizing specialized computing hardware and substantial electrical infrastructure.

Section 3. During the period of this moratorium, the City of Cross Plains shall study and evaluate

- Electrical infrastructure and grid impacts
- Water consumption and wastewater impacts
- Traffic and roadway impacts

- Environmental hazards impacting air, waterways, groundwater, etc.
- Noise and environmental concerns
- Emergency service demands
- Appropriate zoning classifications, setbacks and buffering requirements
- Impacts on agricultural land, neighborhoods and rural character
- Long term economic and infrastructure impacts
- Any additional regulations necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of Cross Plains residents

Section 4. This moratorium shall not apply to any lawfully existing operation that has received all final approvals and permits prior to the effective date of this Resolution.

Section 5. The purpose of this temporary moratorium is to preserve the status quo while the City evaluates and considers appropriate land use regulations and development standards associated with data centers and cryptocurrency mining facilities as well as awaiting any legal rulings pertaining to banning or restricting the above-mentioned facilities.

Section 6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage, the public welfare requiring it.

RESOLVED, this the 18th day of June, 2026.

Board of Commissioners

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Marlene Graves, Mayor

ATTESTED:

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Holly Murphy, City Recorder