

STANTON TOWNSHIP
GOODHUE COUNTY, MINNESOTA
Ordinance No. 08032026

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE STANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING
AND ZONING ORDINANCE TO EXPRESSLY PROHIBIT DATA CENTERS**

The Board of Supervisors of the Town of Stanton ordains:

Section 1. Definitions. Section 13 of the Stanton Township Planning and Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended by adding a new definition as follows:

Data Center: A building, group of buildings, or portion thereof containing at least 5,000 square feet on a single property, and whose principal use is the storage, processing, management, hosting, transmission, or distribution of digital data through interconnected information technology and telecommunications equipment. The term includes associated infrastructure such as backup power generation, electrical substations, power distribution systems, cooling systems, security systems, and other utility infrastructure serving the facility. The term shall not include information technology equipment or facilities that are accessory and subordinate to another lawful principal use on the same property, provide that all such equipment and facilities do not exceed 5,000 square feet.

Section 2. Data Centers. Section 18(C) of the Stanton Township Planning and Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended by adding a new Subsection 1 as follows:

C. Uses Not Provided for in Zoning District. Whenever, in any zoning district, a use is ~~neither~~ not specifically designated as a permitted, accessory or conditional/Interim Use Permit, the use shall be considered prohibited.

1. Data Centers Prohibited. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Ordinance, and without limiting the general rule stated above that prohibits any use that is not listed as an allowed use in a zoning district, data centers are not an allowed use anywhere within the Township.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be effective on the first day of publication of an approved summary after adoption.

Section 4. Incorporation. The Town Clerk is authorized and directed to work with the Town Attorney as may be needed to incorporate this amendment into the Stanton Township Zoning Ordinance. Once incorporated, the updated document shall become the official Stanton Township Planning and Zoning Ordinance.

Adopted this 3rd day of August 2026.

BY THE TOWN BOARD

Attest: *Cheryle A. Peters*
Cheryle Peters, Clerk

Karen L. Slininger
Karen Slininger, Chairperson

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**STANTON TOWNSHIP
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RESOLUTION NO. 08032026**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING SUMMARY PUBLICATION
OF AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING DATA CENTERS**

WHEREAS, on August 3rd, 2026, the Town Board of Stanton Township adopted Ordinance No. 08032026 ("Ordinance") prohibiting data centers within the Town;

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute, sections 365.125, subdivision 2 allows the publication of a summary of an ordinance instead of publishing the entire ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board determines publication of a summary of the Ordinance is sufficient to clearly inform the public of the intent and effect of the Ordinance and where to access the full text of the Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby determines to publish the following summary language, which is hereby approved, in lieu of publishing the full text of the Ordinance:

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On August 3rd, 2026, the Town Board of Stanton Township adopted the above-reference ordinance to prohibit Data Centers as a land use within all zoning districts within the Town. The ordinance defines a Data Center as a large facility principally used for digital data storage, processing, hosting, or transmission and excludes information technology facilities that are accessory and subordinate to another lawful principal use. The ordinance is effective immediately and a full copy of the ordinance is posted on the Town's website.

Cheryle Peters, Clerk

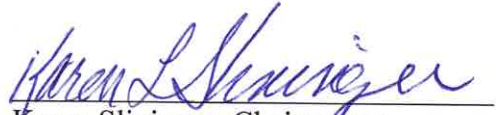
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to:

1. Publish the above summary language once in the Town's official newspaper;
2. Post the full Ordinance on the Town's website;

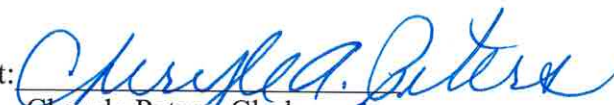
3. Make copies of the full Ordinance available to the public upon reasonable request;
4. Provide a copy of the full ordinance for placement in the Cannon Falls Library;
5. Provide a copy of the full ordinance for placement in the Goodhue County Law Library;
6. Record a copy of the Ordinance in the office of the County Recorder; and
7. Place the Ordinance in the Town's ordinance book within 20 days of its adoption along with a copy of this Resolution and a copy of the affidavit of having published the approved summary language

Adopted this 3rd day of August 2026.

BY THE TOWN BOARD


Karen Slininger, Chairperson

Attest:


Cheryl Peters, Clerk