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**INTRODUCED BY: MATTHEW JEWELL, PARISH PRESIDENT
(DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & ZONING)**

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Code of Ordinances, Appendix A. – St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, Section III. – Definitions, to add a definition for Data center, and Section VI. – Zoning district criteria and regulations., D. Manufacturing and industry districts, to add Data Centers as Special Permit Uses in the M-1 district and permitted by right in the M-2 district.

WHEREAS, the development of large-scale data center facilities is increasing across the country, in particular in rural/semi-rural areas; and,

WHEREAS, St. Charles Parish may be identified to accommodate these facilities, but the Zoning Ordinance lacks language addressing large-scale, centralized data centers; and,

WHEREAS, this ordinance addresses data centers by adding a definition and categorizing them as industrial uses within the M-1 and M-2 zoning districts; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Department recommended approval of these amendments; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval at its regular meeting on **MONTH, DAY, 2026.**

THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION I. The St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, Section III. – Definitions., is amended to add the additional text shown in underline below:

Data center: A centralized facility engaging in the storage, management, processing, and/or transmission of digital data, and housing computer and/or network equipment, systems, servers, appliances, and other associated components related to digital data operations.

SECTION II. The St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, Section VI. – Zoning district criteria and regulations., D. Manufacturing and industry districts, [I.] M-1 Light manufacturing and industry district, 1. Use Regulations, c. Special permit uses and structures, is amended to add the additional text shown in underline below:

(11) Data Centers

SECTION III. The St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, Section VI. – Zoning district criteria and regulations., D. Manufacturing and industry districts, [II.] M-2. Heavy manufacturing and industry, 1. Use Regulations, a., is amended to add the additional text shown in underline below:

(12) Data Centers

The foregoing ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

And the ordinance was declared adopted this _____ day of _____, 2026, to become effective five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

CHAIRMAN: _____

SECRETARY: _____

DLVD/PARISH PRESIDENT: _____

APPROVED: _____ DISAPPROVED: _____

PARISH PRESIDENT: _____

RETD/SECRETARY: _____

AT: _____ RECD BY: _____