ORDINANCE 2026-14
OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHVILLE

AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING ANOTHER 180-DAY MORATORIUM ON THE RECEIPT, PROCESSING, ISSUANCE, AND APPROVAL OF ANY APPLICATION FOR A ZONING CERTIFICATE FOR ANY USE RELATED TO DATA PROCESSING, HOSTING AND RELATED SERVICES (DATA CENTERS) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, with Ordinance 2025-13, adopted on December 22, 2025, Council for the Village of Ashville imposed an 180-day moratorium on the receipt, processing, issuance, and approval of any application for a zoning certificate for any use related to data processing, hosting, and related services (Data Centers; and

WHEREAS, since adopting this moratorium, issues related to data centers has grown statewide. The Ohio General Assembly is reviewing legislation (such as H.B. 646) that would strictly regulate energy usage, mandate closed-loop water systems, and establish new electric rate classes for data centers; and

WHEREAS, since adopting this moratorium, grassroots organizations were created and are attempting to put the Ohio Prohibition of Data Center Construction Amendment on the November ballot, which would ban the construction of new large-scale data centers; and

WHEREAS, with all this uncertainty surrounding data centers, Council for the Village of Ashville believes it is necessary to impose another 180-day moratorium on the receipt, processing, issuance, and approval of any application for a zoning certificate for any use related to data processing, hosting, and related services (Data Centers).

NOW, **THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the Village of Ashville, County of Pickaway, State of Ohio:

SECTION ONE

Council for the Village of Ashville hereby imposes an 180-day moratorium on the receipt, processing, issuance, and approval of any application for a zoning certificate for any use related to data processing, hosting, and related services (Data Centers).

SECTION TWO

Council for the Village of Ashville may rescind this moratorium at any time prior to the expiration of 180 days. If necessary, it also may extend this moratorium.

SECTION THREE

It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of Council and all deliberations of Council and any of the decision-making bodies of the Village of Ashville which resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of the State of Ohio.

SECTION FOUR

All prior legislation, or any parts thereof, which is/are inconsistent with this Ordinance is/are hereby repealed as to the inconsistent parts thereof.

SECTION FIVE

Council declares this to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety of the Village and the further reason that the Village needs more time to further research the issues and concerns raised in this legislation and learn what may happen on a statewide basis. Wherefore, provided this Ordinance receives the required affirmative votes of Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon passage by Council.

Motion to adopt offered by: Ron Teeters Seconded by: Jeff Martin

Upon roll call on the adoption of the ordinance, the vote was as follows:

Jesse Burke-yay; Ron Teeters-yay; Jeremy Scoby-yay; Dave Rainey-yay; Darryl Glick-yay; Jeff Martin-yay

Adopted this 6th day of July, 2026

ATTEST: DATE: 7/8/2026

April Grube, Clerk-Fiscal Officer

APPROVED:

DATE: 7/8/2026

Roger Clark, Mayor

Approved as to form this 30th day of June 2026:

Brian M. Zets, Village Solicitor