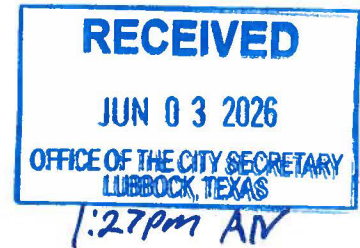


STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF LUBBOCK
CITY OF LUBBOCK



BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared the undersigned affiants, who, being by me severally sworn, upon their respective oaths state as follows:

1. "We, the undersigned, are each qualified voters of the City of Lubbock, Texas, residing within the corporate limits of the city."
2. "We constitute the proposers/petitioners' committee and are responsible for the preparation and circulation of this petition proposing the adoption of an ordinance titled "Citywide Moratorium on High-Water-Use Data Centers."
3. "We propose the attached ordinance for adoption by the City Council or, alternatively, by the voters of the city through an initiative election."
4. "The full and correct text of the proposed ordinance is attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes."
5. "This statement is filed with the City Secretary prior to the procurement of any signatures on the subsequent petitions, as required by the City Charter."

SIGNATURE MEMBERS (Minimum of 5 required):

1.
Signature: _____

Printed Name: Stephen Sanders

Residence Address: 31 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Voter ID: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Date: 6/3/26

2.
Signature: _____

Printed Name: Nikki Davis

Residence Address: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Voter ID: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Date: 6/3/26

3.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: Cori Gressett

Residence: _____

Voter ID: _____

Date: 06/03/2026

4.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: Phyllis Gant Gant

Residence Address: _____

Voter ID: _____

Date: June 3, 2026

5.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: Kathryn Anderson

Residence Address: _____

Voter ID: _____

Date: 6-3-26

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME by the above-named affiants on this 3rd

day of June, 20 26.

[SEAL]

Amanda Nelson

Notary Public Signature

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

My Commission Expires: 7/17/2027



Signature: [REDACTED]

Printed name: Samuel Edward Hitzler

Address: [REDACTED]

Vote ID: [REDACTED]

Date: JUNE 31 2026

Temporary Moratorium on High-Water-Use and High-Energy-Use Data Centers in the City of Lubbock, Lubbock County, Texas

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LUBBOCK, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING AN EIGHTEEN-MONTH (18-MONTH) MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS, ZONING, AND INFRASTRUCTURE AGREEMENTS FOR HIGH-WATER-USE AND HIGH-ENERGY-USE DATA CENTERS; REQUIRING AN INDEPENDENT STUDY OF PROJECTED WATER DEMAND, SUPPLY IMPACTS, AND DROUGHT RESILIENCE, TRAFFIC AND ROADWAY IMPACT, EMERGENCY RESPONSE CAPABILITIES, PUBLIC SAFETY IMPACTS, AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

WHEREAS, the rapid growth of hyperscale and high-density artificial intelligence (AI) data centers introduces unprecedented demands on regional water supplies, electrical grids, and local infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lubbock and surrounding county areas face persistent risks of drought and significant summer peak loads on the ERCOT electrical grid, raising critical concerns regarding resource availability for agricultural, residential, and commercial consumers; and

WHEREAS, the Lubbock Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council have reviewed proposals that could require significant land use and specific utility infrastructure, such as the withdrawn 936-acre data center project in East/North Lubbock; and

WHEREAS, local stakeholders, including community groups, have petitioned the city to immediately pause to investigate environmental, economic, and infrastructure impacts; and

WHEREAS, a temporary moratorium is necessary to allow the City of Lubbock, Lubbock County, Texas, and utility partners adequate time to conduct independent assessments of projected water demand, grid reliability, and community resource protection; and

WHEREAS, the City and County have experienced and received reports of roadway deterioration, drainage impacts, increased heavy truck traffic, and emergency response concerns associated with industrial-scale development activities occurring within the City of Lubbock, and Lubbock County, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Lubbock's rural emergency response system, including fire departments and emergency medical services, presently maintains limited staffing, specialized suppression equipment, hazardous materials capability, and water supply infrastructure necessary to respond to lithium-ion battery incidents, industrial fires, or large-scale infrastructure emergencies; and

WHEREAS, once substantial construction activities commence, impacts to city and county roads, bridges, culverts, drainage systems, emergency response capability, and groundwater resources may become immediate and irreversible before the City and County of Lubbock can complete necessary engineering studies and public safety evaluations; and

WHEREAS, evolving State and Federal directives regarding critical infrastructure protection, cybersecurity safeguards, and prohibited technologies necessitate additional review to ensure local compliance with applicable law; and

WHEREAS, Texas Health and Safety Code §121.003 authorizes the City of Lubbock and Lubbock County to enforce measures reasonably necessary to protect public health; and

WHEREAS, a temporary and narrowly tailored moratorium is necessary to allow the City of Lubbock and Lubbock County, Texas, sufficient time to evaluate impacts to city and county infrastructure and public safety systems and to develop uniform mitigation standards relating to roadway protection, emergency response coordination, drainage, and public infrastructure protection;

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to ensure the sustainability and resilience of Lubbock's water resources for current and future residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUBBOCK, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. MORATORIUM IMPOSED

A temporary moratorium is hereby imposed on the issuance of all permits, zoning changes, and infrastructure agreements for data center or server farm projects within the incorporated city limits and extraterrestrial jurisdiction (ETJ).

SECTION 2. PURPOSE OF MORATORIUM

During the moratorium period, the City of Lubbock and Lubbock County, Texas shall:

1. Conduct roadway engineering and traffic impact evaluations relating to heavy industrial construction traffic;
2. Evaluate emergency response capability, including fire suppression, hazardous materials response, and water availability;
3. Develop standardized roadway use and infrastructure mitigation requirements;
4. Evaluate drainage, culvert, and floodplain impacts associated with industrial-scale development;
5. Coordinate with State agencies regarding critical infrastructure protection and applicable cybersecurity guidance;
6. Evaluate public safety impacts associated with battery storage systems, large-scale power infrastructure, and data processing facilities; and

7. Develop uniform public infrastructure protection and mitigation standards applicable to covered projects.

SECTION 3. PUBLIC HEARING

The City Council shall hold a public hearing within 90 days of the adoption of this resolution to discuss the findings of the independent studies and gather input from the community regarding high-water-use and high-energy-use data centers.

SECTION 4. TEMPORARY NATURE

The moratorium shall remain in effect for a period of **18 months** from the date of passage, or until such time as the City completes an independent study on water and power sustainability, updates the Unified Development Code (UDC), and enacts permanent regulations addressing grid impact and water-efficient cooling, whichever occurs first.

SECTION 5. SCOPE AND EXEMPTIONS

During this period, no building permits, electrical connection approvals, or zoning amendments for data center facilities shall be issued. This moratorium does not apply to routine upgrades, telecommunications facilities servicing Lubbock residents, or developments that do not utilize hyperscale water and power allocations.

SECTION 6. CALL FOR STUDIES

City and County staff are directed to prepare a comprehensive report detailing projected data center electricity/water demand, public health and noise impacts, and recommendations for mandatory requirements (e.g., closed-loop, recycled/purple-pipe water systems).

SECTION 7. WAIVER PROCESS

The City Council may grant a waiver from this moratorium upon finding that:

1. The proposed project will not materially impair city or county infrastructure, emergency response capability, or public safety;
2. Adequate roadway use protections and mitigation measures are in place;
3. The applicant demonstrates compliance with applicable State and Federal requirements; and
4. The public health, safety, and welfare will not be adversely affected.

SECTION 8. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Order is held invalid or unconstitutional, such holding shall not affect the remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Lubbock, Texas, on this the _____ day of _____, 2026.

APPROVED:

Mark McBrayer
Mayor
City of Lubbock

ATTEST:

Courtney Paz, MPA, TRMC
City Secretary
City of Lubbock

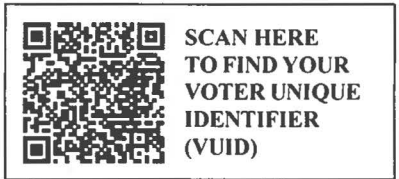
**PETITION FOR 18-MONTH MORATORIUM ON HIGH-WATER-USE AND HIGH-ENERGY-USE DATA
CENTERS IN THE CITY OF LUBBOCK, LUBBOCK COUNTY, TEXAS**

If the petition circulator does not comply with all of the requirements of the Texas election law for petition circulators, any signature obtained by that petition circulator on that petition is invalid and will not be counted.

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LUBBOCK PROPOSE:

We, the undersigned qualified and registered electors, residents in the city of LUBBOCK, state of TEXAS, respectively petition for an 18-MONTH-MORATORIUM ON HIGH-WATER-USE AND HIGH-ENERGY-USE DATA CENTERS IN THE CITY OF LUBBOCK, LUBBOCK COUNTY, TEXAS.

WARNING – A person who knowingly signs this petition more than once, signs a name other than his or her own, signs when not a qualified registered elector, or sets opposite his or her signature on a petition, a date other than the actual date the signature was affixed, is violating the provisions of the Texas election law.



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CERTIFICATE OF CIRCULATOR

The undersigned circulator of the above petition asserts that he or she is 18 years of age or older and a US Citizen, that each signature of the petition was signed in his or her presence, that he or she has neither caused nor permitted a person to sign the petition more than once and has no knowledge of a person signing the petition more than once, and that to his or her best knowledge and belief, each signature is the genuine signature of the person purporting to sign the petition, the person signing the petition was at the time of signing a registered elector of the city indicated, and the elector was qualified to sign the petition.

WARNING – A circulator knowingly making a false statement in the above certificate, a person not a circulator who signs as a circulator, or a person who signs a name other than his or her own as a circulator is guilty of a misdemeanor.

CIRCULATOR – Do not sign or date until after circulating petition.

(Signature of Circulator)

(Printed Name of Circulator)

(Number of Signatures Witnessed on This Page)

From: [Courtney Paz](#)
To: [stephenjsanders83](#) [REDACTED]
Bcc: [Jimmy Maynard](#); [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
Subject: Citywide Moratorium on High-Water-Use Data Centers Initiative Committee Petition Verification
Date: Wednesday, June 3, 2026 3:19:05 PM

Mr. Sanders,

The purpose of this email is to acknowledge receipt of the materials you submitted to my office on June 3, 2026, at 1:27 P.M.

Please note that this office does not certify the adequacy, legality, validity, or sufficiency of the substance or form of the submission.

The process initially requires that my office verify with the Texas Secretary of State the status of the initiating committee members. The requirements have been reviewed regarding the status of the initiating committee members. The requirement of “at least five (5) qualified voters” has been met. The deadline to submit the **required 2,410 signatures** is **Monday, August 3, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.**

Please also note that it is the responsibility of the initiating committee to ensure that all requirements under the charter, state statutes, and the state constitution are met. If you have any questions regarding the process, I urge you to consult your own legal counsel. Neither this office nor City staff may opine as to these matters.

Thank you,

Courtney Paz, MPA, TRMC
City Secretary
City of Lubbock
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