



MASON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MASON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES May 2, 2026

The Mason Township Board of Trustees met in special session on Saturday, May 2, 2026, in the Mason Township Hall.

Supervisor Charlie Arnold called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. He also led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Clerk Kristin LeVan called roll:

Board of Trustees Present: Supervisor Charlie Arnold, Clerk Kristin LeVan, Treasurer Arlene Chew, Trustee David Allen, Trustee Debra Cloud

Board of Trustees Absent:

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

AGENDA

M-2026-05-02-01 Trustee Allen moved, seconded by Trustee Cloud, to approve the motion to adopt an ordinance to enact a temporary moratorium on Data Centers.

MASON TOWNSHIP
CASS COUNTY , MICHIGAN
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-01
ADOPTED: 05/02/2026
EFFECTIVE: 06/08/2026

AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON DATA CENTERS

An Ordinance to protect the public health, safety, and welfare by establishing regulations relating to a temporary moratorium on considering applications for Data Centers to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the Mason Township while the Township completes a study of the Ordinances and regulations pertaining thereto and considers possible subsequent revisions to current Ordinances pertaining thereto; to allow for an extension of the temporary moratorium; to provide for severability; to repeal all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict therewith; and to provide an effective date.



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MASON TOWNSHIP CASS COUNTY, MICHIGAN

ORDAINS: SECTION 1 FINDINGS

In accordance with Public Act 1945 PA 246, MCL 41.181 et seq., as amended, the Mason Township Board of Trustees has determined the following:

1. That the approval of Data Centers may result in or produce negative impacts on permitted land uses and development and may harm the public health, safety and general welfare of property owners and residents of Mason Township.
2. The Township Board has received comments and information from the public raising public health, safety, and welfare concerns about the impacts of Data Centers on the residents and property owners of the Township; the Township has a fiduciary duty to promote the health, safety and general welfare of property owners and residents within its territorial boundaries.
3. The Township has a legitimate public purpose in assessing the regulation of the establishment and use of Data Centers within the Township to ensure that Data Centers do not interfere with other land uses, or have substantial negative impacts on the environment, public, health and safety.
4. The Township Board finds that adopting a temporary moratorium is reasonable and necessary for, among other reasons, the following:
 - A. Michigan courts have recognized that a moratorium is a common and legitimate tool to preserve the status quo while formulating a development strategy.
 - B. The Township Board desires to review and study the public health, safety, and welfare concerns regarding Data Centers and any Township regulations that may impact and/or regulate such projects.
 - C. The adoption of a temporary moratorium will allow the Township Board and Planning Commission adequate time to study and possibly implement revisions to the Township's Ordinances and regulations, including attention to and consideration of citizen input and involvement, public debate, and full consideration of all issues and points of view.
 - D. The Michigan Legislature is furthermore presently undertaking a study of Data Centers as a land use and may be considering preemptory legislation on the topic.
5. The Township Board accordingly determines that it is desirable and in the public interest for the reasons set forth above that the Township Board adopt a temporary moratorium on the acceptance and/or processing of any applications for Data Centers.



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SECTION 2 MORATORIUM/TERM OF MORATORIUM

The Township Board adopts a temporary moratorium on the acceptance and/or processing of any applications for a Data Center. The temporary moratorium is in effect twelve (12) months from the effective date of this Ordinance, or until the effective date of any amended or new Township Ordinances or State regulations addressing Data Centers are effective, whichever date occurs first.

SECTION 3 EXTENSION OF MORATORIUM

Before this moratorium expires, the Township Board may extend the temporary moratorium by resolution as appropriate to allow sufficient time to complete amendments or additions to its Ordinances and regulations.

SECTION 4 SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any clause, sentence, word, section or provision is hereafter declared void or unenforceable for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect the remainder of such Ordinance which shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 5 REPEAL

All Ordinance or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6 EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take immediate effect upon publication, after adoption.

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Supervisor Arnold instructed the Clerk to call roll:

Yes (5): Supervisor Arnold, Clerk LeVan, Treasurer Chew, Trustee Allen, Trustee Cloud

No (0): None.

Motion carried by roll call vote.

UPCOMING DATES

MASON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING: TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2026, AT 7:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT

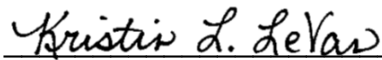
Trustee Cloud moved, seconded by Treasurer Chew, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

Supervisor Arnold adjourned the meeting at 10:00 AM.


Respectfully Submitted by:

Clerk Kristin LeVan on 05/9/2026

Approved by the Mason Township Board on: 05/12/2026



Kristin LeVan, Mason Township Clerk



Charlie Arnold, Mason Township Supervisor