

PUBLIC HEARING AND ENACTMENT NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Washington, Berks County, Pennsylvania, will hold a public hearing on Thursday, May 28, 2026, commencing at 7:00 p.m. at the Township of Washington Municipal Building, 120 Barto Road, Barto, Pennsylvania 19504 for the purpose of considering an amendment to the Township of Washington Zoning Ordinance of 1982, as amended (the "Zoning Ordinance"). The Board of Supervisors may consider enactment of the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance at its meeting immediately following the hearing or at another advertised meeting of the Board of Supervisors. A summary of the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance is as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 131 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON CODE OF ORDINANCES, TITLED "ZONING" TO DEFINE AND ADD SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR DATA CENTERS AND DATA CENTER ACCESSORY USES, INCLUDING: (1) ARTICLE II TITLED "DEFINITIONS AND WORD USAGE", SECTION 131-7 TITLED "DEFINITIONS", TO ADD DEFINITIONS FOR "DATA CENTER", "DATA CENTER ACCESSORY USE", AND "SENSITIVE RECEPTORS"; (2) ARTICLES IX TITLED "C-COMMERCIAL DISTRICT", ARTICLE X TITLED "LI-LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT", AND ARTICLE XI TITLED "GI-GENERAL INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT", TO ADD DATA CENTERS AND DATA CENTER ACCESSORY USES AS PERMITTED USES BY SPECIAL EXCEPTION; ARTICLE XV TITLED "SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS", TO ADD SECTION 131-82 TITLED "DATA CENTERS AND DATA CENTER ACCESSORY USES", ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS REGARDING DIMENSIONAL STANDARDS, LANDSCAPE BUFFERS, SCREENING AND FENCING, NOISE AND VIBRATION, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS, POST CONSTRUCTION VERIFICATION, ONGOING COMPLIANCE, NEGATIVE IMPACTS, WATER AND SEWER SERVICE, POWER SUPPLY, SAFETY, EMERGENCY PLANNING, SPILL PREVENTION, POLLUTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL (PPC) PLAN REQUIREMENTS, ELECTRONIC WASTE DISPOSAL, EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION, PARKING, OFF STREET LOADING, LIGHTING, PHASING, ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY IMPACT ANALYSIS, AND DECOMMISSIONING PLAN.

A copy of the full text of the proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance may be examined without charge or obtained for a charge not greater than the cost thereof at the Township of Washington Municipal Building, 120 Barto Road, Barto, Pennsylvania 19504 and the Berks County Law Library, Berks County Courthouse, 10th Floor, 633 Court Street, Reading, Pennsylvania 19601.

If you require special accommodation to attend the public hearing, please contact the Township at 610-845-7760. The Township will make every reasonable effort to accommodate you.

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