



STAFF REPORT

Board of Aldermen

A RESOLUTION REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2024-R036 AND ENDING THE DECLARATION OF A NEED TO ADDRESS DEVELOPMENTS PROPOSING DATA CENTERS AND CRYPTOCURRENCY MINING CENTERS IN THE CITY OF BRANSON AND THUS ENDING THE ONE HUNDRED (100) DAY ADMINISTRATIVE DELAY OF APPLICATIONS AND PERMITS PERTAINING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF DATA CENTERS AND CRYPTOCURRENCY MINING CENTERS LOCATED IN THE CITY OF BRANSON, MISSOURI.

DATE: AUGUST 27, 2024

Initiated By: Planning and Development

Approved By: *Cathy Stepp*

Financial Impact: No Impact/Not Applicable

Community Plan 2030: LU-5:Development Codes & Regulations

FACTS:

In the 1960's and 1970's, the City of Branson, Missouri ("City") adopted the Zoning Ordinance, now existing in Chapter 94, referred to as the Unified Development Code and Utilities Code to promote health, safety, morals and a general welfare of the community, including its aesthetic appearance; lessen congestion in the streets; secure safety from fires, panic and other dangers; provide adequate light and air; prevent the overcrowding of land; avoid undue concentration of population; bring about the gradual conformity of the uses of land and buildings throughout the City; facilitate the adequate provision of transportation, water, sewage, schools, parks and other public requirements; protect and conserve the value of land throughout the City; and provide a policy to efficiently process permits and other applications by the City.

DETAILED ANALYSIS:

Prior to the placement of the administrative delay, existing code did not address use and structure standards for Data Centers and Cryptocurrency Mining Centers. On July 29, 2024 the Planning Commission recommended approval of the proposed ordinance addressing code amendments throughout Chapter 94 to ensure the protection of the City, its residents, and future development. These amendments included:

- Article I, Sec. 94-5 - Definitions
- Article IV, Sec. 94-60 – Table of Permitted Uses
 - Sec. 94-61 – Use and Structure Standards
 - Sec. 94-62 – Special Use Standards
- Article VII, Sec. 94-105 – Utility and Service Area Screening

The public hearing by the Board of Aldermen was held on August 1, 2024 and approved for first reading with amendments. On August 13, 2024, the ordinance was passed with amendments on its final reading. Since the ordinance was approved, there is no need to continue the administrative delay through the remainder of the 100 days.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

No Additional Information