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MANTUA TOWNSHIP ADOPTS ORDINANCE BANNING DATA CENTERS

At last night's Township Committee Meeting on May 11, 2026 we adopted Ordinance 9-2026 banning Data Centers. The Township Committee voted unanimously in support of the township-wide ban.

Let me be perfectly clear, the Township Committee and I stand firmly in opposition to the introduction of Data Centers within our jurisdiction.

A Data Center is not a constitutionally protected use, and therefore, can be prohibited by way of a zoning ordinance.

We have taken an extremely proactive approach, and are getting-out in-front of the Data Center debacle occurring in other communities.

This ordinance will in-fact prohibit Data Centers as a zoning use in Section 230-44 of the Land Development Section of our Township Codes, and will in-turn, prohibit Data Centers in all zoning districts throughout Mantua Township.

Mantua is a community built for families - not for massive, industrial-scale data centers.

These facilities bring heavy energy demand, strain on our infrastructure, excessive water consumption, constant noise, and very little long-term benefit to our residents. They do not reflect our priorities, our character or our vision for responsible growth.

We support innovation - but not at the expense of our quality of life, our environment, or our taxpayers.

Mantua deserves some smart development that strengthens our community, protects our resources and truly serves our people. For these reasons and many others, we again stand firmly opposed to the introduction of data centers in our township.

Respectfully,

Mayor Robert T. Zimmerman