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RE: Industrial Land Use Inquiry

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Ordinance 2026-014 Data Center Mortatorium.pdf;

Good afternoon Max,

You recently sent the following inquiry to pzb@putnam-fl.gov:

> *Hello,*
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> *I hope all is well. I wanted to check in to see if there are any zoning classifications within Putnam County that permit small-scale data processing or edge data center facilities, typically consisting of 2-3-acre sites with modular equipment. I didn't see these uses specifically defined in the zoning code, so I figured I'd reach out for clarification. Please let me know when you get a chance. Thank you for your help!*
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> *Best,*
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> *Max Middleton*

Putnam County adopted a moratorium on certain data centers on September 8, 2026 (ordinance attached) to allow staff an opportunity to research legislative framework and formulate regulatory standards for data centers in Putnam County. In order for me to provide guidance, can you please explain what the proposed "small-scale data processing or edge data center" may entail? Please include specific information regarding the cumulative number of servers expected on one property and the cumulative proposed power consumption for the site. Please also elaborate as to whether the proposed data centers would constitute a primary use or if they are ancillary to an adjacent or adjoining non-residential use; you may include known users of the infrastructure or photos/site plans/authorizations from other jurisdictions to address these matters. Your email references modular equipment; are the structures containing the data processing equipment modular as well? Any additional information you can provide will assist me in discussing the matter with the County Attorney in effort to determine whether the proposed use could be acceptable given the active moratorium.

Please do not construe this correspondence as acceptance of any application or the initiation of a review of proposed development activity.

Kind regards,

Zachary Baker

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