BUSINESS IMPACT ESTIMATE FORM

This Business Impact Estimate is given as it relates to the proposed ordinance titled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF DATA CENTERS; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING FOR PURPOSE; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR STUDY AND EVALUATION; PROVIDING FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A REGULATORY FRAMEWORK; PROVIDING FOR THE DURATION OF THE MORATORIUM; PROVIDING FOR EXEMPTIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE COUNTY CODE; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Part I.

Summary of the proposed ordinance and statement of public purpose:

The proposed ordinance places in effect a 365 day moratorium during which time the County shall not accept, process, or take any action on any application for a development order or development permit or take any other official action, unless specifically exempted, which would have the effect of allowing or permitting the development of data centers that 1. Have a total requested utility interconnection capacity, including all customers or other entities that have entered into a colocation or similar agreement at a single location that otherwise meets the anticipated monthly peak load provided in this subsection, with maximum design electrical capacity, rated capacity of primary step-down transformers, or an anticipated or connected monthly peak electrical load of 10 megawatts (MW) or more (calculated as the highest average load over a 15-minute interval), whichever is greater; OR

2. An aggregate gross floor area of 50,000 square feet or more dedicated to server halls, computing racks, and associated environmental control, water-cooling, or mechanical infrastructure.

The public purpose is to protect the public health and safety by providing time for the County to develop clear rules and regulations, consistent with State and Federal laws, to ensure that the development of data centers within the unincorporated area of Okaloosa County does not result in negative impacts including but not limited to consumption of excessive amounts of water, over-burdening existing utilities and their rate payers, generation of noise at frequencies and volumes detrimental to public health and safety as well as the environment; accumulation of hazardous wastes and waste water, and other negative effects potentially associated with the development of large data centers.

Estimate of the direct economic impact of the proposed ordinance on private, for-profit businesses in the County: (*fill out subsections a-c as applicable, if not applicable write "N/A")*

Part II.

a. Estimate of direct compliance costs that businesses may reasonably incur if the proposed ordinance is enacted:

This Ordinance does not affect any data center currently in existence, nor does it affect the development of future development centers of less than 10 megawatts in size. While it may be speculated that enacting a moratorium could be costly for would-be large scale data center developers in terms of lost time, it is impossible to accurately estimate any actual dollar amounts.

b. Identification of any new charges or fees on businesses subject to the proposed ordinance, or for which businesses will be financially responsible; and

There are no new charges or fees on businesses associated with the moratorium ordinance.

c. An estimate of the County's regulatory costs, including an estimate of revenues from any new charges or fees that will be imposed on businesses to cover such costs.

There are no increased regulatory costs associated with the moratorium ordinance.

Part III.

Good Faith Estimate of the number of businesses likely to be impacted by the ordinance:

It is impossible to speculate whether the County would have received any applications for large-scale data centers during the period of time covered by the moratorium; however, no existing businesses should be impacted by the ordinance.