NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 8, 2026, at 8:30 A.M. or soon thereafter, at the County Commission Chambers in the Okaloosa County Courthouse located at 101 East James Lee Blvd in Crestview, FL 32536 the Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing to consider adopting an ordinance, the title and substance of said proposed ordinance being:

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

Adoption of the proposed ordinance will bring into effect a three hundred and sixty-five (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 which would have the effect of allowing or permitting the development of data centers.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AND BE HEARD.

The proposed ordinance may be inspected by the public at the Board of County Commissioners' offices located on the first floor of the Okaloosa County Administrative Building, 1250 N. Eglin Parkway, Shalimar, Florida 32579 or the Board of County Commissioners' offices in the Brackin Building located at 302 N. Wilson St. Crestview, FL 32536. Those offices can be contacted by telephone at 850-651-7105

If any person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at these hearings, such person will need a record of the proceeding and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Okaloosa County adheres to the American Disabilities Act and will make reasonable modifications for access to these hearings upon request. Requests may be made to the County Commissioner's office described above and must be made at least 48 hours in advance of the hearing in order to provide the requested service.