## STORY COUNTY IOWA
## RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
## RESOLUTION NUMBER #26-69

**Establishing a Temporary Moratorium on the Acceptance of Applications and/or Issuance of Permits for Digital Asset Mining, Cryptocurrency Operations, and/or Data Processing Centers on properties located in unincorporated Story County, putting in place a temporary moratorium expiring on or before March 31, 2027**

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Chapter 335 grants counties the ability to adopt Zoning Ordinances to regulate land use within its jurisdictional boundaries; and,

WHEREAS, on September 2, 1958, Zoning Ordinance #1 was adopted by the Story County Board of Supervisors and has been periodically amended to regulate land use within the county's boundaries; and,

WHEREAS, current regulations adopted and enforced by Story County pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 335 are referred to as the "Land Development Regulations" in the Story County Code of Ordinances, specifically identified as Chapters 85 through 93; and

WHEREAS, the County Comprehensive Plan known as the Cornerstone to Capstone (C2C) Plan contains vision, goals, objectives, and policy statements to provide a foundation for subsequent County amendments to the County's Land Development Regulations, with the ability to meet the following goals from the C2C Plan potentially adversely affected related to uses subject to this temporary moratorium:
- AR1: Protect agricultural practices in areas with prime soils and viable agricultural interests.
- AR2: Minimize conflicts between agricultural and non-agricultural land uses.
- AR3: Preserve farmland and the rural landscape as a viable foundation for a strong and growing agricultural economy.
- Natural Resource and Recreation Goal 1 Preserve, protect, restore, and enhance the quality of Story County's ground water and surface water; and

WHEREAS, On June 17, 2025, the Story County Board of Supervisors passed Resolution #25-97, Establishing a Temporary Moratorium on the Acceptance of Applications and/or Issuance of Permits for Digital Asset Mining, Cryptocurrency Operations, Data Processing Centers and/or Battery/Energy Storage Solutions on properties located in unincorporated Story County, putting in place a temporary moratorium expiring on or before December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Resolution #25-97 included the ability of the Story County Board of Supervisors to adopt a resolution extending the moratorium until March 31, 2026, if more time was needed by the Story County Planning and Development Department to complete their review and make a recommendation to the Story County Planning and Zoning Commission and Story County Board of Supervisors. Resolution #26-36 adopted by the Story County Board of Supervisors on November 25, 2025, authorizing this one-time extension; and

WHEREAS, proposed regulations specifics to Digital Asset Mining, Cryptocurrency Operations, Data Processing Centers and/or Battery/Energy Storage Solutions were developed by the Story County Planning and Development Department, recommended for approval by the Story County Planning and Zoning Commission on February 25, 2026, and the Story County Board of Supervisors reviewed First Consideration of Ordinance No. 330 on Tuesday, March 3, 2026; and

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, the Story County Board of Supervisors approved Ordinance No. 330 on First Consideration, with modifications to remove language related to Digital Asset Mining, Cryptocurrency Operations, and Data Processing Centers uses and directed the Story County Planning and Development Department to modify Ordinance No. 330, accordingly; and approved Second Consideration on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, with such changes, setting the Third and Final Consideration for Tuesday, March 17, 2026; and

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, the Story County Board of Supervisors directed the Story County Planning and Development Department in consultation with the Story County Attorney's Office to develop and bring forward for consideration by the Story County Board of Supervisors a temporary moratorium applicable only to Digital Asset Mining, Cryptocurrency Operations, and Data Processing Centers uses; and

WHEREAS, uses related to Digital Asset Mining, Cryptocurrency Operations, and/or Data Processing Centers reportedly pose a threat to the public's health, safety, and general welfare due to potential environmental impacts related to significant amounts of potable water usage, air and water pollution, excessive noise impacts, and electronic waste.

WHEREAS, from time to time, it is necessary and prudent to review and study said Code of Ordinances for necessary updates to ensure proper regulation;

AND WHEREAS, based on public comments received at the Story County Planning and Zoning Commission and Story County Board of Supervisors public hearings, the Story County Board of Supervisors requires additional time to further study, consult experts, and conduct the revision process to complete amendments to the Land Development Regulations for those uses related to Digital Asset Mining, Cryptocurrency Operations, and/or Data Processing Centers.

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Story County, Iowa:

SECTION 1. INSTITUTION OF MORATORIUM Upon the effective date of this Resolution, no applications shall be accepted nor permits granted by Story County specifically for Digital Asset Mining, Cryptocurrency Operations, and/or Data Processing Centers on properties located in unincorporated Story County.

SECTION 2. PERIOD OF TIME EFFECTIVE This Resolution shall be effective for a period from adoption of said Resolution through March 31, 2027.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY CAUSE If any section, provision, or part of this Resolution shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the resolution as a whole or any section, provision, or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE This Resolution shall be in effect from the day it is passed and approved by the Board. Passed and approved this 17th day of March 2026.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair of the Board of Supervisors and the County Auditor are authorized and they are hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution 26-69 to be recorded upon its approval by the Board of Supervisors.

Dated this ___ day of _____, 20___.

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Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Attest:

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County Auditor

| ROLL CALL FOR ALLOWANCE | Latifah Faisal | Yea___ Nay___ Absent___ |
| | Lisa Heddens | Yea___ Nay___ Absent___ |
| | Linda Murken | Yea___ Nay___ Absent___ |

ALLOWED BY VOTE
OF BOARD                                    Yea___ Nay___ Absent___

_____          Above tabulation made by _____
          CHAIRPERSON