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AN ORDINANCE

amending Chapter 29 of the City Code relating to the definition and zoning designation of a "data center" use; and fixing the time when this ordinance shall become effective.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 29 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, Missouri, is hereby amended as follows:

Material to be deleted in ~~strikeout~~; material to be added underlined.

Sec. 29-1.11. Definitions and rules of construction.

(a) *Definitions—General.* For the purpose of this chapter 29, the following words and terms are defined to mean the following:

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Customary accessory use and related structures. A detached subordinate building having a use customarily incident to and located on the lot occupied by the main building; or a use clearly subordinate and incidental to the main use of the property. A customary accessory use or related structure is one that is often provided for the use and convenience of the occupants, residents, or patrons of the principal structure on the same lot, or their guests, rather than the general public. For multifamily residential and non-residential uses these include but are not limited to swimming pools, recreation facilities, meeting rooms, laundry facilities, and outdoor seating. This use does not include any accessory use or related structure listed separately in the permitted use table.

Data center. A building, facility, or premise used for the storage, management, processing and/or transmission of digital data that typically contains computers, network equipment, systems, servers, appliances, and other accessory components necessary for digital data operations. A facility may also include air handlers, power generators, water cooling and storage facilities, utility substations, and other associated utility infrastructure to support the operation. This definition does not include facilities in which data storage, management, processing and/or transmission is incidental to the primary use.

DBH or dbh (diameter breast height). Tree trunk diameter measured four and a half (4.5) feet above the ground.

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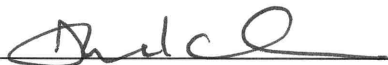
Sec. 29-3.2. Permitted use table.

Table 29-3.1: COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, PERMITTED USE TABLE														
P=Permitted use C=Conditional use A=Accessory use CA=Conditional Accessory use T=Temporary use														
Zoning District	Residential				Mixed Use				Special Purpose				Use-Specific Standards, in Section 29-3.3	
	R-1	R-2	R-MF	R-MH	M-OF	M-N	M-C	M-DT	M-BP	IG	A	O		PD
LAND USE CATEGORY														
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INDUSTRIAL USES														
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Manufacturing, Production and Extraction														
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Comprehensive Marijuana-Infused Products Manufacturing Facility										P	P		Per PD Approval	(qq)
Data Center										C			Per PD Approval	
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SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED this 6th day of April, 2026.

ATTEST:



City Clerk



Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Counselor