

**PLEASANT TOWNSHIP
BUTLER COUNTY, KANSAS
RESOLUTION NO. 26-10-01**

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO THE LOCATION,
CONSTRUCTION, AND OPERATION OF HIGH-IMPACT DATA CENTERS WITHIN
PLEASANT TOWNSHIP, BUTLER COUNTY, KANSAS, AND REQUESTING THAT
BUTLER COUNTY EXERCISE ITS LAWFUL PLANNING, ZONING, AND LAND-USE
AUTHORITY TO PROTECT THE HEALTH, SAFETY, INFRASTRUCTURE,
AGRICULTURAL LAND, AND GENERAL WELFARE OF TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS
AND PROPERTY OWNERS**

WHEREAS, Pleasant Township is an organized township located within Butler County, Kansas;
and

WHEREAS, the Board of Pleasant Township has a responsibility to represent the interests of the Township and its residents concerning matters affecting township property, roads, infrastructure, public services, and other matters within the Township's lawful authority; and

WHEREAS, large-scale or high-impact data centers are an emerging form of industrial development that may require substantial amounts of electricity, water, land, and supporting infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the development of high-impact data centers within the Township may adversely affect the rural and agricultural character of the Township and may create significant demands upon electrical, water, transportation, emergency-response, and other public infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, high-impact data centers may generate continuous noise, heat, lighting, generator activity, construction traffic, and other impacts that may be incompatible with nearby residences, farms, agricultural operations, and rural land uses; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that preservation of agricultural land, rural character, existing residential uses, infrastructure capacity, water resources, and the health, safety, and welfare of Township residents should receive substantial consideration before high-impact industrial development is permitted within Pleasant Township; and

WHEREAS, Kansas law provides counties with planning and zoning authority over land within their jurisdiction, subject to applicable statutory requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to formally state its position concerning high-impact data center development and communicate that position to the Board of County Commissioners of Butler County, the Butler County Planning Commission, and other governmental bodies having jurisdiction over such development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF PLEASANT TOWNSHIP, BUTLER COUNTY, KANSAS, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Resolution is to formally declare the position of Pleasant Township regarding the construction and operation of high-impact data centers within the Township and to request appropriate action from governmental entities possessing planning, zoning, permitting, and regulatory authority over such facilities.

SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF HIGH-IMPACT DATA CENTER

For purposes of this Resolution, a **“High-Impact Data Center”** means one or more buildings, structures, or facilities primarily used for the large-scale housing, operation, and maintenance of computer servers, data-storage equipment, networking equipment, artificial-intelligence computing equipment, or similar high-density computing operations, together with associated cooling systems, generators, substations, electrical infrastructure, water infrastructure, and other accessory facilities.

The term does not include ordinary computer equipment that is incidental and subordinate to another principal use, including ordinary office servers, school computer facilities, governmental computer systems, agricultural technology systems, or computer equipment used as part of a manufacturing or commercial operation whose principal purpose is not the processing or storage of electronic data.

SECTION 3. OFFICIAL TOWNSHIP POSITION

The Board finds that high-impact data centers constitute a type of intensive industrial development that may be incompatible with the existing rural, residential, and agricultural character of Pleasant Township.

Accordingly, it is the official position of Pleasant Township that high-impact data centers should not be located, constructed, expanded, or operated within Pleasant Township.

This declaration expresses the policy position of the Township and shall not be construed as independently imposing a zoning prohibition or regulatory requirement beyond the authority granted to the Township by Kansas law.

SECTION 4. REQUEST TO BUTLER COUNTY

The Board respectfully requests that the Board of County Commissioners of Butler County, Kansas, the Butler County Planning Commission, and other appropriate County officials exercise their lawful authority to prevent the location of high-impact data centers within Pleasant Township or, to the fullest extent permitted by law, establish appropriate zoning classifications, special-use requirements, development standards, setbacks, infrastructure requirements, or other

lawful protections to prevent incompatible high-impact data center development within the Township.

The Board further requests that Butler County evaluate the potential cumulative effects of high-impact data centers on agricultural land, rural residences, water resources, electrical infrastructure, transportation systems, emergency services, noise levels, and the long-term character of the surrounding community.

SECTION 5. LAND-USE APPLICATIONS AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Whenever Pleasant Township receives notice of, is requested to comment upon, or is otherwise given an opportunity to participate in consideration of a rezoning, conditional-use permit, special-use permit, comprehensive-plan amendment, development agreement, infrastructure proposal, road-use agreement, or other governmental action concerning a proposed high-impact data center within Pleasant Township, the Board may submit this Resolution as evidence of the Township's official position.

The Board may also take such additional lawful action as it determines appropriate to communicate the concerns and interests of Township residents and property owners to the governmental entities responsible for reviewing or approving the proposed development.

SECTION 6. TOWNSHIP PROPERTY AND RESPONSIBILITIES

To the extent permitted by Kansas law, Pleasant Township shall consider the policy stated in this Resolution when making decisions concerning Township-owned property, Township roads and rights-of-way under its jurisdiction, agreements involving Township property or services, and other matters placed by law within the authority of the Township Board.

Nothing in this Resolution shall be construed as exercising zoning, permitting, or regulatory authority that Kansas law has vested in Butler County, the State of Kansas, or another governmental entity.

SECTION 7. NOTICE AND REQUEST FOR CONSULTATION

The Township Clerk is directed to provide a certified copy of this Resolution to the Board of County Commissioners of Butler County, the appropriate Butler County planning and zoning officials, and any other appropriate governmental authority.

The Township requests that Butler County notify Pleasant Township of proposed high-impact data center developments within or immediately adjacent to Pleasant Township and provide the Township with an opportunity to submit comments to the extent permitted by applicable law and County procedures.

SECTION 8. SEVERABILITY AND CONSTRUCTION

This Resolution shall be interpreted and applied only to the extent permitted by Kansas law. If any provision of this Resolution is determined to exceed the authority of the Township or is otherwise determined to be invalid, such determination shall not affect the remaining provisions.

The remaining provisions shall continue to express the official policy position of Pleasant Township concerning high-impact data center development to the fullest extent permitted by law.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Resolution shall take effect upon its adoption by the Board of Pleasant Township, Butler County, Kansas.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED

ADOPTED by the Board of Pleasant Township, Butler County, Kansas, this 19th day of October, 2026.

BOARD OF PLEASANT TOWNSHIP BUTLER COUNTY, KANSAS

Township Trustee

Date: 10-19-2026



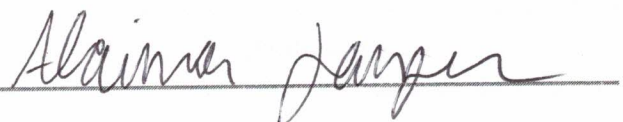
Township Treasurer

Date: 10/19/2026



Township Clerk

Date: 10/19/2026



CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned Township Clerk of Pleasant Township, Butler County, Kansas, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 26-10-01, duly considered and adopted by the Board of Pleasant Township on the 19th day of October, 2026.

Township Clerk

Date: 10/19/2026

