
Amend Zoning Code, Data Centers!

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Dear Neighborhoods Planning and Development Committee,

I urge you to please ask for amendments to the currently proposed zoning code being brought to the Neighborhoods Planning and Development committee on Dec. 9th. The zoning code proposed for data centers, as currently drafted, is insufficient in representing the interests and health of every Kansas Citian.

By giving big corporations a runway to doing whatever they want, you overlook the majority of the city that will have to face the consequences. Which may not matter to some, but the raised energy costs and disruption of transportation could be the last straw for ppl who are already struggling in todays economy. At least give citizens the chance to be heard.

I urge you to be proactive about minimizing these harms by creating a zoning code that allows for more oversight in the following ways. The data center zoning code should:

1. Be its own zoning code rather than lumped in with Large Format Uses.
2. Require special-use permits for data centers that are voted on and approved by the city council.
3. Include environmental impact studies.
4. Include environmental protections such as limiting water usage/cooling requirements and limiting fossil-fuel generators (including back-ups).
5. Require utility demand disclosure.
6. Require ample distance from residential neighborhoods.

If data center development is allowed to continue as is, Kansas Citians will be forced to bear the brunt of the cost of utility rate increases, resource extraction, and pollution. Do right by Kansas Citians and demand a more thorough zoning code for data centers.

Thank you,