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Amend Zoning Code for Data Centers

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Dear Neighborhood Planning and Development Committee,

I am writing to ask for amendments to the currently proposed zoning code being brought to the

Neighborhood Planning and Development committee on Dec. 9th. The zoning code proposed

for data centers, as currently drafted, is insufficient in protecting the interests and health of

everyday Kansas Citians.

I am concerned about the proliferation of data centers throughout the United States because of

the potential environmental harms caused by the increased need for electricity that is currently produced by

burning coal, as well as the threat to clean water.

I urge you to be proactive about minimizing these harms by creating a zoning code that allows

for more oversight in the ways
listed below.

 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,

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