

MOTION:

**September 8, 2015
Regular Meeting
Res. No. 15-**

SECOND:

**RE: INITIATE A ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT TO INCORPORATE
APPROPRIATE ZONING REQUIREMENTS FOR DATA CENTERS
WHICH WOULD ADDRESS THE INFRASTRUCTURE NECESSARY
TO SUPPORT SUCH USES AND THE POTENTIAL IMPACTS TO
OTHER PROPERTIES – COUNTYWIDE**

ACTION:

WHEREAS, in accordance with Title 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, Ann., the Board of County Supervisors may amend the Zoning Ordinance whenever it determines that public necessity, health, safety, convenience, general welfare and good zoning practice necessitate such change; and

WHEREAS, this zoning text amendment is intended to incorporate appropriate zoning requirements for data centers which would address the infrastructure necessary to support such uses and the potential impacts to other properties; and

WHEREAS, this proposed zoning text amendment will continue the County's efforts to advance commercial and industrial development; and

WHEREAS, amending the Zoning Ordinance for the above-referenced issue is required by public necessity, convenience, general welfare and good zoning practice, and is consistent with the intent of Title 15.2-2283 of the Code of Virginia, Ann; and

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2015 Supervisor Lawson in a resolution to support protection of private property, historical resources and commercial interests from potential negative impacts of new high voltage overhead transmission lines requested that staff prepare for Board of County Supervisors' consideration an initiation for a zoning text amendment that would incorporate appropriate zoning requirements for data centers which would address the infrastructure necessary to support such uses and the potential impacts to other properties; and

WHEREAS, staff was directed to seek input from stakeholders representing community and business perspectives; and

WHEREAS, this will authorize staff time and resources necessary for research, analysis and to conduct public hearings with the Planning Commission and the Board of County Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the Prince William Board of County Supervisors believes that public general welfare as well as good zoning practices are served by the initiation of this Zoning Text Amendment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors does hereby initiate a zoning text amendment to the Prince William County Zoning Ordinance to incorporate appropriate zoning requirements for data centers which would address the infrastructure necessary to support such uses and the potential impacts to other properties.

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Votes:

Ayes:

Nays

Absent from Vote:

Absent from Meeting:

For information:

Planning Director

County Attorney

ATTEST

Clerk to the Board



Melissa S. Peacor
County Executive

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August 24, 2015

TO: Board of County Supervisors

FROM: Christopher M. Price, AICP 
Director of Planning

THRU: Melissa S. Peacor
County Executive

RE: Initiate a Zoning Text Amendment to Incorporate Appropriate Zoning Requirements for Data Centers Which Would Address the Infrastructure Necessary to Support Such Uses and the Potential Impacts to Other Properties - **Countywide**

In a resolution approved on August 4, 2015 to support protection of private property, historical resources and commercial interests from potential negative impacts of new high voltage overhead transmission lines, the Board of County Supervisors declared its intent to initiate a zoning text amendment to incorporate appropriate zoning requirements for data centers which would address the infrastructure necessary to support such uses and the potential impacts to other properties. This amendment will continue the County's efforts to advance commercial and industrial development.

In order to authorize staff time and resources necessary for research and analysis, and to conduct public hearings with the Planning Commission and the Board of County Supervisors, staff recommends initiation of this zoning text amendment.

Staff: Chris Price X7615