March 11, 2026

Cincinnati City Council
Council Chambers, City Hall
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Dear Members of Council:

We are transmitting herewith an Ordinance captioned as follows:

> **EXTENDING** Interim Development Control Overlay District No. 89, "Data Centers" as an interim development control district for an additional nine months, pursuant to Chapter 1431, "Interim Development Control Overlay District Regulations," of the Cincinnati Zoning Code.

Summary:
In January 2026, the City Manager directed the Department of City Planning and Engagement (DCPE) to conduct a zoning study regarding the potential impacts of data centers and propose an Interim Development Control (IDC) Overlay District within the City of Cincinnati for the duration of the study. The City Planning Commission voted to direct DCPE to undertake a zoning study and recommend that City Council establish IDC Overlay District No. 89, "Data Centers." City Council established IDC No. 89, "Data Centers," on February 11, 2026, to go into effect immediately and last a period of three months.

The City Planning Commission recommended the following on March 6, 2026, to City Council:

1) **ADOPT** the Department of City Planning and Engagement's staff findings that the proposed extension of IDC No. 89 meets the criteria set forth in Cincinnati Zoning Code Section 1431-11, *One-Year IDC Overlay Districts,* as discussed on pages 1 – 3 of this report; and,
2) **RECOMMEND** that City Council extend Interim Development Control (IDC) Overlay District No. 89, "Data Centers," for a period of nine additional months, or until the Department of City Planning and Engagement's zoning study is complete and implemented.

Motion to Approve: Ms. Albi
Seconded: Mr. Weber

Ayes: Ms. Beltran
Mr. Dansby
Mr. Eby
Ms. Albi
Mr. Samad
Ms. Sesler
Mr. Weber

THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

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