

March 11, 2026

To: Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

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Subject: Ordinance – Extending Interim Development Control Overlay District No. 89, “Data Centers” as an interim development control district for an additional nine months

Transmitted is an Ordinance captioned:

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.

The City Planning Commission recommended the nine-month extension of the Interim Development Control (IDC) Overlay District at its meeting on March 6, 2026.

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.

cc: Katherine Keough-Jurs, FAICP, Director, Department of City Planning and Engagement