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An Ordinance No. 95

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

WHEREAS, the City Planning Commission and the Department of City Planning are conducting a zoning study of certain portions of the City in response to concerns that the rapid construction of new data centers may give rise to significant changes in land use that have the potential to adversely impact living conditions, energy costs, health, safety, and quality of life throughout the city; and

WHEREAS, the Council established Interim Development Control District No. 89, “Data Centers” (“IDC 89”) effective as of February 11, 2026, and continuing for a period of three months thereafter, in order to protect the zoning study area while the City Planning Commission and the Department of City Planning conduct their study and consider proposed changes that would affect the allowable land uses within the city; and

WHEREAS, the City Planning Commission and the Department of City Planning’s study remains ongoing, and an extension of IDC 89 is necessary to ensure that the potential zoning text and zoning map amendments resulting from the study are not frustrated before their completion and implementation; and

WHEREAS, the City Planning Commission, at its regularly scheduled meeting on March 6, 2026, recommended the extension of IDC 89 for an additional period of nine months upon finding that the criteria in Cincinnati Municipal Code Section 1431-11 have been satisfied; and

WHEREAS, a committee of Council held a public hearing on the proposed extension of IDC 89, following due and proper notice pursuant to Cincinnati Municipal Code Sections 111-1 and 1431-11, and the committee approved the extension, finding it in the interest of the general public’s health, safety, morals, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that placing interim development controls over the study area during the pendency of the Department of City Planning and Engagement’s study and review is consistent with Plan Cincinnati (2012) and its “Live” Initiative goal which seeks to support and stabilize Cincinnati’s neighborhoods (p.160); and

WHEREAS, Council considers the extension of IDC 89 to be in the best interests of the City and the general public’s health, safety, morals, and welfare; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That Council makes the following findings:

- (a) At its regularly scheduled meeting on March 6, 2026, the City Planning Commission affirmatively recommended that Council extend Interim Development Control District No. 89, "Data Centers" ("IDC 89"), for a period of nine months.
- (b) The City Planning Commission has not yet completed its consideration of the zoning text and map amendments in IDC 89 that may result from the process of studying the impacts of data center land uses within the study area.
- (c) Extension of IDC 89 would allow additional time to complete the study and implement any potential recommendations, which is reasonably expected to occur within a one-year period.
- (d) There is a prospect of changes involving the potential for new land development in IDC 89 that may adversely impact the health and general welfare in IDC 89 or may be inconsistent with the ongoing study and preliminary objectives for the area approved for study by the City Planning Commission.

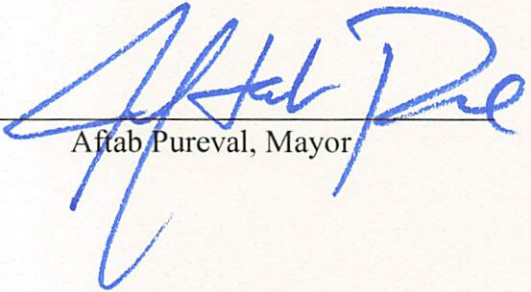
Section 2. That IDC 89, as depicted on the map attached as Attachment "A" to Ordinance No. 0037-2026 and incorporated herein by reference, is extended throughout the area designated on the map as the interim development control district for an additional period of nine months.

Section 3. That the Regulations and Application Review Guidelines for IDC 89 and Designation of Administrative Reviewer, attached as Attachment "B" to Ordinance No. 0037-2026 and incorporated herein by reference, shall remain in effect for the duration of IDC 89 and be used by the City Planning Commission in its review of applications for the use of property within IDC 89.

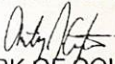
Section 4. That pursuant to Section 1431-11 of the Cincinnati Zoning Code, IDC 89, shall remain in effect for an additional period of nine months.

Section 5. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: April 1, 2026


Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: 
Clerk

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ORDINANCE NO 95-2024
WAS PUBLISHED IN THE CITY BULLETIN
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER ON 4/14/2024

CLERK OF COUNCIL