



County Council Update 8.24.2026

Last Monday, the Volusia County Council held a public hearing on a proposed ordinance to place a 6-month moratorium on large-scale data centers in unincorporated Volusia County. After public testimony and Councilmember discussion, the Council directed staff to a complete ban on large-scale data centers in unincorporated Volusia County, to be voted on at a future meeting.

This ordinance will affect one 40-acre parcel of land in unincorporated Volusia County. Further restrictions on data centers would have to come from the individual City Commissions around Volusia County.

The legality of this ban, and other bans, remains unclear. Some Municipal Governments argue that SB 484, signed by Governor DeSantis following the 2026 Session, grants them privileges to regulate large-scale data center development locally. However, SB 180 (2024) limited the ability of local governments to place new and burdensome regulations on development. It is yet to be seen whether these local bans will result in lawsuits from the State- a question that will likely be answered following the November elections.

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