

CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 26-0217
(First Reader)

Introduced by: Councilmember Parker

Cosponsored by: Councilmembers Dorsey, Ramos, and Conway

Introduced and read first time: July 13, 2026

Assigned to: Land Use and Transportation Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Finance, Planning Commission, Department of Transportation, Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals, Department of Housing and Community Development, Baltimore Development Corporation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Data Centers Over 5 Megawatts – Moratorium**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a data center capable of using 5 megawatts or more of electricity
4 as a prohibited use Citywide; and defining certain terms.

5 BY repealing and re-ordaining, with amendments,

6 Article 32 - Zoning

7 Section 1-304(y)

8 Baltimore City Code

9 (Edition 2000)

10 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
11 Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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Baltimore City Code

Article 32. Zoning

Title 1. General Provisions

Subtitle 3. Definitions

§ 1-304. “Chimney” to “Day-care center: Child”.

(y) *Data center*.

“Data center” means a facility or portion of a facility:

(1) that is used primarily for the remote storage, processing, and distribution of data;
and

(2) that is capable of using [10] 5 megawatts or more of electricity.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance is contingent upon the taking effect of Ordinance 26-128.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day after the date it is enacted.