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Howell Township Planning Commission
3525 Byron Road
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To the members of the Howell Township Planning Commission,

The following definitions are being provided for discussion reference by the Resident Research Committee.

DEFINITIONS

Data Processing

The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines Data Processing as:

Data Processing - The action or process of putting data into a computer and having it produce a desired result, essentially transforming raw facts into meaningful information through steps like organizing, sorting, analyzing, and presenting, often using defined procedures. It involves collecting, manipulating, and processing information, especially by computers, to generate useful outputs.

Data Processing Facility

The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines a Data Processing Facilities as:

Data Processing Facility - A data processing facility refers to the physical location—a building, dedicated space within a building, or group of buildings—that houses the people, hardware, and software organized to provide these information processing services.

Cohoctah’s Cryptocurrency Data Mining Facilities and Data Centers Ordinance defines a Data Center as:

Data Center - A structure that houses information technology infrastructure and equipment for building, running, and delivering applications, and the storage of digital data. This includes Artificial Intelligence (“AI”) Data Centers.

Please see the example provided for the DeKalb County Data Center Text Amendment that provides a tiered definition approach, utilizing a separate name and definition for each data center size bracket.

Cryptocurrency Data Mining Facility

Cohoctah's Cryptocurrency Data Mining Facilities and Data Centers Ordinance defines a Crypto Currency Data Mining Facility as:

Cryptocurrency Data Mining Facility - A facility dedicated to operating data processing equipment for commercial cryptocurrency mining and the process by which cryptocurrency transactions are verified and added to digital ledgers.

References:

#1, Merriam-Webster Dictionary

#2, Cohoctah's Cryptocurrency Data Mining Facilities and Data Centers Ordinance

#3, DeKalb County, Georgia's Data Center Text Amendment

Respectfully,

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