ORDINANCE O015-2026

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
GLOUCESTER COUNTY

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 285 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington ("Township") is a municipal entity organized and existing under the laws of State of New Jersey and located in Gloucester County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:48-2, a municipality may make, amend, repeal and enforce ordinances not contrary to the laws of this State or of the United States, as it may deem necessary and proper for order and protection of persons and property, and for the preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare of the municipality and its inhabitants; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Township of Washington, County of Gloucester and State of New Jersey that Chapter 285 entitled "Zoning" is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 285-9 entitled "Definitions" shall be amended to include the following:

> **DATA CENTER**
> "Data Center" as commonly known, and as sometimes referred to as "internet data center" or "cloud data center" (and any and all functionally-equivalent but differently-named uses, structures and facilities) that house computer systems and include associated components such as telecommunication and data storage systems: redundant or "backup" power and data storage components: electrical transformers, substations, and other power supply infrastructure: data communication connections: environmental and safety controls for building climate, equipment cooling, and fire suppression: and security devices, systems, and installations, to serve as off-site or remote accessory facilities available and accessible to users via telecommunication or internet utilities for the purpose of aggregating collective computing demands for cloud services, video streaming, blockchain and crypto mining, artificial intelligence and machine learning, virtual reality, and other internet, telecommunication, computing, and data storage, maintenance, processing, and transmission purposes.

SECTION 2: Chapter 285-182C entitled "Uses prohibited in all districts" shall be amended to include the following:

(4) Data centers.

SECTION 3: Except as set forth in Section 1 above, the balance and remainder of the Code of the Township of Washington shall not be affected by this Ordinance.

SECTION 4: All Ordinances, Plans, Plan Amendments or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 5: If the provisions of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, or clause of this Ordinance shall be judged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such order of judgment shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, or clause of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance shall be referred to the Township Planning Board for review, which shall be based on whether the proposal is substantially consistent with the Master Plan. The Planning Board has a period of thirty-five (35) days after referral to report on the proposed Ordinance.

SECTION 7. Upon adoption of this Ordinance after public hearing thereon, the Township Clerk is further directed to publish notice of the passage thereof and to file a copy of this Ordinance with the County Planning Board and other agencies as required by law.

SECTION 8: This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after final passage by Council or twenty (20) days after approval by the mayor, whichever comes first.

INTRODUCTION: April 22, 2026

Members	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
Del Borrello			X				
Brown			X				
Pasqualone			X				
Harris		X	X				
Yerkes	X		X				

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

By: Donald C. Brown, Jr.
Donald C. Brown Jr., Council Vice President

I do hereby attest the above Ordinance **0015-2026** was introduced at the Township of Washington Meeting of the Township Council on April 22, 2026. A public hearing and adoption will occur on May 6, 2026 at 6:00 PM.

ATTEST:

By:
Christine Ciallella, RMC, CMR
Township Clerk

ADOPTION: May 6, 2026

Members	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
Del Borrello			X				
Brown			X				
Pasqualone		X	X				
Harris	X		X				
Yerkes			X				

I do hereby attest the above Ordinance **0015-2026** was adopted at the Township of Washington Meeting on May 6, 2026 by Township Council after a public hearing on May 6, 2026. Said Ordinance shall take effect in accordance with law.

ATTEST:

By: Christine Ciallella
Christine Ciallella, RMC, CMR
Township Clerk

On this 7 day of MAY 2026, I hereby approve the above Ordinance **0015-2026**.

Anthony DellaPia, Mayor