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Mayor and Aldermen
City of Vicksburg
P. O. Box 15
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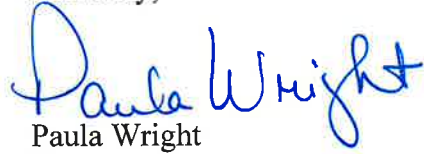
Dear Mayor and Aldermen:

The purpose of this letter is to respectfully inform you that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the City of Vicksburg, in a regular meeting, held Tuesday, March 5, 2024, voted unanimously to recommend to you the following amendments:

- 1 **amend Section 201 Definitions to add Data Center:** a facility which houses the necessary computer servers or systems, network systems, related hardware, wiring, data transmitters and other components required for the remote storage (“cloud storage”), transfer, backup and recovery, analysis, or processing of digital data. Further, a data center may also include a facility that engages in developing computer technology, software development, programming, data analytics and digital media.
- 2 **amend Section 201 Definitions to add Data Center Related Facilities:** on-site exterior equipment and facilities necessary for the safe, secure, and compatible operation of a Data Center. Such equipment and facilities may include, but is not limited to: HVAC equipment, emergency power generation units, sound attenuation devices, equipment, and facilities necessary to interface with the electric power grid system, and electric power transformers including, without limitation, public/quasi-public facilities, and utilities.
- 3 **amend Section 406.11-1 L-1 Light Industrial Zone Uses permitted to add Data Center including Data Center Related Facilities as a permitted use.**
- 4 **amend Section 406.11-1.1 Light Industrial Zone Uses by special exception to add Public/quasi-public facilities and utilities associated with data centers as a use permitted by Special Exception.**

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 601-634-4526.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paula Wright". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Paula Wright
Zoning Board of Appeals
Secretary

March 5, 2024
Robert M. Walker Building
5:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Zoning Board Members Present:

Fred Katzenmeyer
Mac Fulghum
Kimberly Smith
Mitchell Dent
Debbie Haworth
Dr. John Walls

Absent:

Thomas Sturgis

Others Present:

Paula Wright, Zoning Assistant
Kyle Washington, Zoning Administrator
Jeff Richardson, Community Development Director

The following appeals were presented to the Board:

Mr. Katzenmeyer called to order the meeting. Mr. Katzenmeyer announced that a quorum was present.

Mr. Katzenmeyer asked that everyone sign in.

Mr. Katzenmeyer stated that the case before the board today was:

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Mr. Katzenmeyer stated that the hearing would be video recorded to record all testimony and statements.

Mr. Katzenmeyer stated that if an appeal to The Mayor and Aldermen was desired after a decision by the Zoning Board of Appeals, the person desiring the appeal must notify the City Clerk in writing within ten (10) days after the decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals is rendered.

Mr. Katzenmeyer asked that all cell phones be turned off.

Mr. Katzenmeyer stated that all proof of publications had been published and recorded.

Paula Wright, City of Vicksburg Zoning Assistant, stated the city needed to amend the zoning ordinance to add Section 201 Definitions to add Data Center and Data Center Related Facilities. (add the definitions). We are amending Section 406. 11-1 (put why) and amend Section 406. 11-1. 1 (put why). Add the wording from Kim's email about why we are amending this.

Ms. Haworth asked if this was for the industrial area.

Ms. Wright stated yes, this was for L-1 Light Industrial, including L-2 and any other zone that would allow industrial uses.

Mr. Richardson stated this was a new industry with potential developers seeking clarity.

Mr. Walls moved that the Zoning Board of Appeals recommend to the Mayor and Aldermen the following amendments:

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Mr. Dent seconded the motion.

With no further discussion, the following vote was taken:

Mac Fulghum voted aye
Kimberly Smith voted aye
Fred Katzenmeyer voted aye
Debbie Haworth voted aye
Mitchel Dent voted aye

The meeting was adjourned with no further business before the Zoning Board of Appeals.

I, Paula Wright, do hereby certify that the minutes of the hearing held March 5, 2024, are true and correct to the best of my ability.



Paula Wright, Zoning Assistant