



Malden, Massachusetts

Date: June 23, 2026

His Honor the Mayor has approved Paper 276 Series of 2026

Below is a true attest copy of same:

Be it ordained by the Malden City Council that Sections 12 and 32 of Title 12 of the Code of the City of Malden (MCC) are hereby amended as outlined in the body of this paper regarding Data Centers:

1. Section 12.12.030 USE REGULATIONS (Table): Amend by adding the following new use category under Business Uses:

	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>RO</u>	<u>BN</u>	<u>BC</u>	<u>BH</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>I2</u>
Data Center	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No

2. Section 12.32.030 CERTIFICATES AND PERMITS: Amend by inserting the following language at the end of subsection 12.32.030.C:

Notwithstanding the foregoing, no special permit, variance, site plan approval or building permit shall be issued for construction or creation of any Data Center, commencing on the first date of publication of the public hearing for this ordinance amendment and ending one year from the date of final enactment of this amendment; provided that this provision shall not apply to any application for or special permit, site plan approval, variance or building permit granted on or before the first publication of this ordinance amendment.

The foregoing moratorium is imposed to allow the City time to undertake studies and obtain resident input on the impacts that Data Centers may have on the infrastructure, environment, health, and economy of the City and community, and to consider amendments to the ordinance.

3. Section 12.32.060 DEFINITIONS-ZONING: Amend subsection 12.32.060.B by adding the following definition:

'Data Center: A building, or part thereof, which has a principal use to house computers and/or servers, data storage systems, networking systems, and/or computing resources, that are used to process, store, manage and/or disseminate data.'

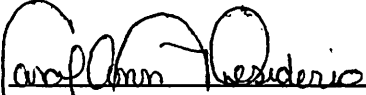
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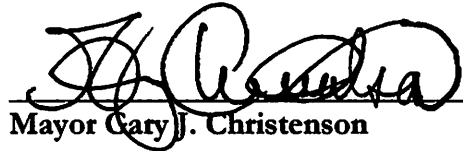
Ordained, by the City Council, by eleven (11) yea and zero (0) nay votes, the City Council consisting of eleven members at their June 16, 2026 meeting.

Approved, June 23, 2026 by His Honor, Mayor Gary J. Christenson

Attest:


City Clerk Carol Ann T. Desiderio


Council President Amanda Linehan


Mayor Gary J. Christenson