Application to Participate in Boone County Data Center Project Committee

Background on Committee Formation: At the request of the Boone County Board of Supervisors, the Boone County Planning & Zoning Commission ("Zoning Commission") is forming a committee to study data center development (hereafter, the "Committee") and draft a proposal for zoning regulations that can be applied to future applications for data center development in unincorporated areas of Boone County.

The Scope of this project will include:

- Researching the impact of data center development on individuals, communities, and the sites where they are located.
- Researching the approaches other governmental organizations have taken in adopting zoning ordinances and regulations to address data center development in their respective jurisdictions.
- Using the information gathered to draft a proposal for zoning regulations that can be applied to data center development applications in Boone County. X

This Committee will review, explore and present information to the Zoning Commission, County Planning & Development director, and/or Board of Supervisors to aid in the development of zoning regulations for any future data center development proposals that may come before the Boone County Planning & Development Department and Board of Supervisors.

The timeline for this project will be to have a full Committee formed in January 2027. The Committee will conduct research and draft a proposal for zoning regulations to be finalized prior to expiration of the current data center moratorium (adopted at the September 9, 2026 Supervisor's meeting, for a term of up to 12 months).

NOTE: This Committee will be focused on developing regulations that will apply only in the unincorporated areas of Boone County. Accordingly, individuals who reside outside of incorporated areas within Boone County will be given priority for serving on this Committee. However, exceptions may be considered for applicants with specific background or experience that would be helpful in completing this project.

Questions or requests for applications can be directed to Mike Salati, Planning and Development Director at the Boone County Courthouse. Completed applications can be submitted in person at the Courthouse, or by email to msalati@boonecounty.iowa.gov.

The Committee is scheduled to begin meeting in January 2027. Applications will be accepted until December 31, 2026, or until all positions are filled.

Applicant Information:

Last Name_____

First Name_____

Middle Initial_____

Home Street Address: _____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Is your home address within unincorporated Boone County? Yes / No

Please answer the following:

1) Why are you interested in serving on this Committee?

2) Briefly describe your Experience, Education and/or Professional background relevant to serving on this Committee.

3) What specific aspects of data center development are you most curious about?

4) What is your current knowledge about data centers, including data center infrastructure and zoning laws?

5) How would you approach gathering information to effectively evaluate options for enacting data center zoning regulations?

6) What unique strengths, skills or perspectives would you bring to the Committee?

7) This position is a voluntary, non-compensated position, but may require significant personal time commitments to meet Committee goals. Please describe any potential commitment or time constraints that may limit your ability to meet these commitments.

8) Please disclose any potential conflicts of interest that might impact your ability to objectively evaluate the potential impact of data center development that might occur in Boone County. This could include, but is not limited to, employment by yourself or a family member, by a data center, working for a company that develops data centers, or working for an activist group that opposes data center developments.