

**PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 1**

**RESOLUTION OF THE FREDERICK COUNTY PLANNING  
COMMISSION TO RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF THE  
CRITICAL DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT AND  
APPROVAL OF THE ASSOCIATED COMPREHENSIVE REZONING**

The Effective Date of This Resolution Is **November 4, 2025**.

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, the Frederick County Planning Commission, under the provisions of the Land Use Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Frederick County Code, and the Frederick County Charter, may recommend adoption of an amendment to Frederick County's Livable Frederick Master Plan ("LFMP"); and

**WHEREAS**, on May 6, 2025, County Executive Jessica Fitzwater and the County Council announced that data center development will be limited to the area around the Eastalco property north of Adamstown and that the land area for data centers will be less than 1% of the County's total land mass; and

**WHEREAS**, the planning tool selected to implement the decision of the County Executive and County Council is a zoning overlay; and

**WHEREAS**, creation of a Critical Digital Infrastructure Overlay Zone warrants amendment of the Livable Frederick Master Plan in addition to a comprehensive zoning map amendment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Frederick County Planning Commission held two public workshops on July 16, 2025, and July 23, 2025, to consider the Critical Digital Infrastructure Overlay Zone Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Comprehensive Rezoning; and

**WHEREAS**, the Frederick County Planning Commission voted on July 23, 2025, to send the Critical Digital Infrastructure Overlay Zone Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Comprehensive Rezoning to the Maryland Department of Planning for feedback from the Department and other State agencies during the mandatory 60-day review period; and

**WHEREAS**, at the beginning of the 60-day review period, the Division additionally sent the Critical Digital Infrastructure Overlay Zone Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Comprehensive Rezoning for review and comment to all incorporated municipalities in Frederick County and adjacent counties including Franklin and Adams Counties in Pennsylvania; Washington, Carroll, Howard, and Montgomery counties in Maryland; and Loudoun County, Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, after the conclusion of the 60-day review period and after posting the required notices, on October 15, 2025, the Frederick County Planning Commission held a public hearing on the Critical Digital Infrastructure Overlay Zone Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Comprehensive Rezoning and closed the public comment record; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission began their deliberations on the Critical Digital Infrastructure Overlay Zone Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Comprehensive Rezoning at their October 15, 2025, meeting and continued the discussion at the October 22, 2025, meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, at the October 22, 2025, meeting, the Planning Commission, after careful and comprehensive deliberation, finalized their recommendations to the County Council with the general purpose of creating predictability for the community and the data center industry, and supporting other industries with industrial land needs, to best promote health, safety, order, convenience, prosperity, and general welfare.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FREDERICK COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION** that the attached the Critical Digital Infrastructure Overlay Zone Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Comprehensive Rezoning is recommended for submission to, and approval by, the Frederick County Council.

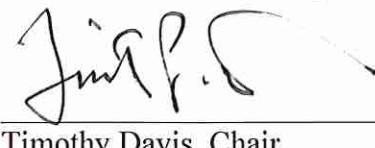
**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the undersigned hereby attest that the attached document is a true copy of the Critical Digital Infrastructure Overlay Zone Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Comprehensive Rezoning.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Frederick County Planning Commission hereby certifies this attested copy of the Critical Digital Infrastructure Overlay Zone Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Comprehensive Rezoning to the Frederick County Council as of the 4th day of November, 2025.

ATTEST:

FREDERICK COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

  
Mark Long, Vice Chair

By:   
Timothy Davis, Chair 11/4/2025