

**ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 520.02, SECTION 21 (DEFINITIONS) AND
APPENDIX C OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIDGELAND,
MISSISSIPPI**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi did lawfully adopt a Zoning Ordinance on February 4, 2014 after proper notice and a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi subsequently adopted Zoning Ordinance Amendments on February 3, 2015, June 2, 2015, April 5, 2016, October 18, 2016, September 19, 2017, January 16, 2018, April 3, 2018, March 5, 2019, September 1, 2020, and May 2, 2021 after proper notice and public hearings; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen desire to clarify data centers and data center related facilities in the Permitted Uses of the Technical Industrial Park District in order to further promote the development of Highland Colony Parkway, as those uses are not currently listed in the City's Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, in the time and manner provided for by law, the City of Ridgeland did cause a public hearing to be noticed and published and set for Nov. 7, 2023, at 6 p.m. in City Hall to consider a text amendment to the City's Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen find that there exists both a public need and a change in character of the neighborhood for a text amendment to the City's Zoning Ordinance to provide data centers and data center related facilities as new uses; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi, that the following sections are hereby adopted as amendments to the Official Zoning Ordinance of the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi, as provided in the following sections:

SECTION 1

The matters and facts stated in the Preamble of this Amendment are true and correct.

SECTION 2

Amend Section 520.02 of the zoning ordinance by adding the following permitted use:

- I. Data Center including Data Center Related Facilities
- J. Public/quasi-public facilities and utilities associated with data centers"

SECTION 3

Amend Section 21 of the Zoning Ordinance by adding thereto the following definitions:

"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.”

“**Data Center Related Facilities:** This term shall include the 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.”

SECTION 4

Amend the zoning use summary table at appendix C to the Zoning Ordinance to reflect the changes made in Section 2 of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5

That this Ordinance take effect and be in force one (1) month from and after passage as provided by law.

The foregoing Ordinance having been reduced to writing, the same was introduced by Alderman Brian Ramsey, seconded by Alderman Wesley Hamlin, and was adopted by the following vote, to-wit:

Alderman Ken Heard (Ward 1) voted:	<u>ABSENT</u>
Alderman Chuck Gautier (Ward 2) voted:	<u>AYE</u>
Alderman Kevin Holder (Ward 3) voted:	<u>AYE</u>
Alderman Brian Ramsey (Ward 4) voted:	<u>AYE</u>
Alderman Bill Lee (Ward 5) voted:	<u>AYE</u>
Alderman Wesley Hamlin (Ward 6) voted:	<u>AYE</u>
Alderman D. I. Smith (At-large) voted:	<u>AYE</u>

The Mayor thereby declared the motion carried and the Ordinance adopted, this the 7TH day of November, 2023.

ATTEST:


PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK

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APPROVED:


GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR