



City of Milwaukee

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Meeting Minutes

ZONING CODE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

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Joseph M. Dobbs, Jezamil Arroyo-Vega and Ed Richardson

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Monday, June 15, 2026

3:00 PM

Room 301-B, City Hall

Meeting convened at 3:00 p.m.

1. [260142](#) A substitute ordinance relating to the building of data centers.

Sponsors: Ald. Dimitrijevic, Ald. Brower, Ald. Stamper, Ald. Jackson, Ald. Burgelis, Ald. Bauman and Ald. Chambers Jr.

Appearing:
David Gelting, Legislative Reference Bureau

Member Arroyo-Vega inquired about the applicability of the proposed ordinance, once adopted, on permits filed prior to adoption of the ordinance. She believed, similar to the building code adoption, that pending permits or applications would be subject to the rules as it is at the time of application.

Mr. Gelting concurred that a permit application conforming to the zoning code at the time of submittal would proceed under those rules.

Member Arroyo-Vega inquired about noise analysis for facilities, not exceeding 20,000 square feet, for instances of when they would cause noise nuisance or issues after their installation. Her concern was about prevention and being proactive due to current issues regarding noise.

Mr. Gelting replied. The upfront requirement for submission of a noise analysis report prior to approval would apply specifically to data centers between 20,000 and 60,000 square feet. Facilities under 20,000 square feet would not be required to submit the pre-approval report as drafted. They would remain subject to the City's normal noise standards applicable to any other building or land use. During plan review, applicants would need to show compliance with existing noise levels. The current noise analysis language was not specific. Reporting requirements could be made more specific, if desired. The same post enforcement opportunities would still exist.

Member Richardson moved that the proposed ordinance meets the criteria of legality and enforceability, administrative efficiency, and consistency with the format of the zoning code. Member Dobbs seconded. There was no objection.

Meeting adjourned at 3:06 p.m.

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