

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-07

**ALLENDALE CHARTER TOWNSHIP MORATORIUM
ORDINANCE**

AN ORDINANCE TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE BY ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS RELATING TO A LIMITED MORATORIUM ON CONSIDERING APPLICATIONS FOR DATA CENTERS, BATTERY STORAGE FACILITIES, LARGE SCALE SOLAR FARMS, AND WIND FARMS IN ALLENDALE CHARTER TOWNSHIP WHILE THE TOWNSHIP COMPLETES A STUDY OF ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING THERETO; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO REPEAL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ALLENDALE CHARTER TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF OTTAWA AND STATE OF MICHIGAN ORDAINS:

**SECTION I
FINDINGS**

1. That the approval of data centers, battery storage facilities, large scale solar farms, and wind farms may result in or produce negative impacts on permitted land uses and development and may harm the public health, safety and general welfare of property owners and residents of the Township.
2. The Township Board is aware of significant public health, safety, and welfare concerns being raised by the public about the impact of data centers, battery storage facilities, large scale solar farms, and wind farms.
3. The Township has a legitimate public purpose in assessing the regulation of the establishment and use of data centers, battery storage facilities, large scale solar farms, and wind farms within the Township to ensure that data centers, battery storage facilities, large scale solar farms, and wind farms do not interfere with other land uses, or have substantial negative impacts on the environment, public health and safety.
4. The Township Board finds that adopting a temporary moratorium is reasonable and necessary for, among other things, the following reasons:

- a. Michigan Court's have recognized that a moratorium is a common and legitimate tool to preserve the status quo while formulating a development strategy.
 - b. The Township Board desires to review and study the public health, safety, and welfare concerns regarding data centers, battery storage facilities, large scale solar farms, and wind farms and any Township regulations that may impact and/or regulate such projects.
 - c. The adoption of a temporary moratorium will allow the Township Board adequate time to study and possibly implement revisions to the Township's Ordinances and regulations, including attention to and consideration of citizen input and involvement, public debate, and full consideration of all issues and points of view.
5. The Township Board accordingly determines that it is desirable and in the public interest for the reasons set forth above that the Township Board adopt a temporary moratorium on the acceptance and/or processing of applications for data centers, battery storage facilities, large scale solar farms, and wind farms.

SECTION II
MORATORIUM/TERM OF MORATORIUM

The Township Board adopts a temporary moratorium on the acceptance and/or processing of any applications for data centers, battery storage facilities, large scale solar farms, and wind farms. The temporary moratorium is in effect for one (1) year following the adoption of this ordinance by the Township Board, or until the effective date of any amended or new Township Ordinances or regulations addressing data centers, battery storage facilities, large scale solar farms, and wind farms are effective, whichever date occurs first.

SECTION III
EXTENSION OF MORATORIUM

Before this moratorium expires, the Township Board may extend the temporary moratorium by resolution as appropriate to allow sufficient time to complete amendments and/or additions to its Ordinances and regulations.

SECTION IV
SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any clause, sentence, word, section or provision is hereby declared void or unenforceable

for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect the remainder of such Ordinance which shall continue in full force and affect.

SECTION V
REPEAL

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION VI
EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance was approved and adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Allendale, Ottawa County, Michigan, on _____, after introduction and a first reading on May 26, 2026, and publication after first reading as required by Act 359 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1947, as amended. This Ordinance shall be effective on _____.

ALLENDALE CHARTER TOWNSHIP

Dated: _____, 2026

By: _____
Adam Elenbaas
Its: Supervisor

By: _____
Jody Hansen
Its: Clerk

CERTIFICATE

I, Jody Hansen, the Clerk for Allendale Charter Township, Ottawa County, Michigan, certify that the foregoing Allendale Charter Township Moratorium Ordinance was adopted at a regular meeting of the Township Board held on _____, 2026. The following members of the Township Board were present at that meeting:

_____.

The following members of the Township Board were absent:

_____.

The Ordinance was adopted by the Township Board with members of the _____ voting

in favor and members of the Board _____ voting in

opposition. Notice of Adoption of the Ordinance was published in the *Grand Rapids Press* on _____, 2026.

Jody Hansen, Clerk
Allendale Charter Township