

LOCAL INITIATIVE 00-02
PETITION TO PLACE THE BUTTE DATA CENTER ORDINANCE
ON THE ELECTION BALLOT

If 15% of the registered voters in the City/County of Butte-Silver Bow (City-County) sign this petition, the vote to modify Butte-Silver Bow Municipal Code (BMC), Title 17 (Zoning) will appear on the next possible ballot. If a majority of voters vote for the modification, then the City/County of Butte-Silver Bow may not authorize, license, permit, or otherwise approve construction or expansion of any Data Center without approval via special election in which 2/3 of all registered voters approve.

We, the undersigned City/County of Butte-Silver Bow voters, propose the City-County place the following language on the November 2026 ballot:

Statement of Purpose:

The Butte Data Center Initiative will establish new provisions in the Butte-Silver Bow (City-County) Municipal Code to prohibit after November 3, 2026, any necessary authorization to construct or expand any Data Center within the city-county without prior approval via an election in which 2/3 of all registered voters approve.

[] Yes On the Butte Data Center Ordinance No: _____

[] No On the Butte Data Center Ordinance No: _____

Voters are urged to read the complete text of the Statement of Purpose and the proposed BMC Chapter 17. A signature on this petition is only to put the question to modify BMC Chapter 17 on the ballot and does not necessarily mean signer agrees with modifying BMC Chapter 17.

WARNING

A person who purposefully signs a name other than the person's own name to this petition, who signs more than once for the same issue at one election, or who signs when not a legally registered Montana voter is subject to a \$500 fine, 6 months in jail, or both.

Each person is required to sign the person's name and list the person's address or telephone number in substantially the same manner as on the person's voter registration card or the signature will not be counted. In place of residence address, the signer may provide the signer's post office address or the signer's home telephone number.

Signature	Date Signed	Residence Address or Post-Office Address or Home Telephone Number	Printed Last Name and First and Middle Initials	County of Residence	Office use only
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THE BUTTE DATA CENTER INITIATIVE

That a new Article will be added to Chapter 17 (Zoning) of the Butte-Silver Bow Municipal Code to read as follows:

17.04.154. Definitions

Data Center – The term "data center" means any facility that contains electronic equipment used to process, store, and transmit digital information, which may be— (A) a free-standing structure; or (B) a facility within a larger structure, that uses environmental control equipment to maintain the proper conditions for the operation of electronic equipment.

17.36.120. Data Center

After 11/03/2026, the City/County of Butte-Silver Bow may not authorize, license, permit, or otherwise approve construction or expansion of any Data Center without approval via special election in which 2/3 of all registered voters approve.