

# **United City of Yorkville**

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# PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION AGENDA

Wednesday, May 14, 2025 7:00 PM Yorkville City Hall Council Chambers 651 Prairie Pointe Drive

Meeting Called to Order: 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Previous meeting minutes: April 9, 2025

Citizen's Comments

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# **Public Hearings**

- 1. PZC 2025-04 United City of Yorkville, petitioner, is proposing to amend the Yorkville Comprehensive Plan, including a modified future land use map, pursuant to Section 11-12-7 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/11-12-7) and Section 9-1-1 of the Yorkville City Code. The proposed amendment adds sections the Future Land Use Map Addendum to reclassify eleven (11) identified developments. The changes are a result of a rezoning approvals made by the City Council in calendar years 2023 and 2024.
- 2. PZC 2025-05 United City of Yorkville, petitioner, is proposing to amend Section 10-4-10 Energy Industrial Use Standards regarding data center development of the Yorkville Unified Development Ordinance. The proposed text amendment seeks to establish specific regulations for data center developments. These regulations include standards related to noise control, landscape buffering, building separation from residential properties, height limitations, and other design and operational requirements.

#### **Unfinished Business**

# **New Business**

1. PZC 2025-04 United City of Yorkville, petitioner, is proposing to amend the Yorkville Comprehensive Plan, including a modified future land use map, pursuant to Section 11-12-7 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/11-12-7) and Section 9-1-1 of the Yorkville City Code. The proposed amendment adds sections the Future Land Use – Map Addendum to reclassify ten (10) identified developments. The changes are a result of a rezoning approvals made by the City Council in calendar years 2023 and 2024.

#### **Action Items**

Text Amendment

2. PZC 2025-05 United City of Yorkville, petitioner, is proposing to amend Section 10-4-10 Energy Industrial Use Standards regarding data center development of the Yorkville Unified Development Ordinance. The proposed text amendment seeks to establish specific regulations for data center developments. These regulations include standards related to noise control, landscape buffering, building separation from residential properties, height limitations, and other design and operational requirements.

#### **Action Item**

Text Amendment

#### **Additional Business**

- 1. Appointment of Vice Chair
- 2. City Council Action Updates
  - a. **PZC 2025-03 Ali Bukhres**, on behalf of QuikTrip Corporation, petitioner, has filed an application with the United City of Yorkville, Kendall County, Illinois, requesting sign variance approval to permit two (2) monument signs to be erected, which exceed the maximum sign area, maximum sign height, and maximum number of signs as stated in Section 10-6-6-B of the Yorkville United Development Ordinance. The real property, zoned B-3 General Business District, is located at the northeast corner of State Route 47 (South Bridge Street) and State Route 71 (Stagecoach Trail) intersection.

# **Action Items**

Variance

# Adjournment

#### PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

# City Council Chambers 651 Prairie Pointe Drive, Yorkville, IL Wednesday, April 9, 2025 7:00pm

#### **Meeting Called to Order**

Chairman Richard Vinyard called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, roll was called and a quorum was established.

#### Roll Call

Rusty Hyett-yes, Michael Crouch-yes, Chad Green-yes, Marge Linnane-yes, Richard Vinyard-yes, Ryan Forristall-yes

Absent: Danny Williams

#### **City Staff**

Krysti Barksdale-Noble, Community Development Director Sara Mendez, Planner1 Megan Lamb, City Attorney Lynn Dubajic Kellogg, City Consultant Katelyn Gregory, Community Engagement & Marketing Coordinator

#### **Other Guests**

Chris Vitosh, Vitosh Reporting Service
Michael Holzer, JEMS2, LLC
Ali Bukhres, QuikTrip
Diane & Jim Bell, Fox Lawn
Linda Blake, W. Meadows
Dominic Levato, Ashley Pointe

Richard Daehnke, Fox Lawn
Alan Clever, Fox Lawn
Carol Sheeley, Fox River Gardens
Pat Norr, Elizabeth St.
Lorna Anderson, Fox Highlands
Fred Davis

### **Previous Meeting Minutes** March 12, 2025

Motion by Mr. Crouch and second by Mr. Hyett to approve the minutes as presented. Roll call: Crouch-yes, Green-yes, Linnane-yes, Vinyard-yes, Forristall-yes, Hyett-yes. Carried 6-0

Chairman Vinyard informed the audience that the Christie property hearing would not be held tonight.

#### **Citizen's Comments** None

# **Public Hearings**

Chairman Vinyard stated there were 2 Hearings for this meeting and explained the procedure to be followed and the taking of testimony. He swore in those who would speak and also made a statement about decorum and order for the meeting.

Chairman Vinyard entertained a motion to open the Hearings. At approximately 7:04pm a motion was made and seconded by Mr. Green and Mr. Crouch, respectively, to open the Public Hearings. Roll call: Forristall-yes, Hyett-yes, Crouch-yes, Green-yes, Linanne-yes, Vinyard-yes. Carried 6-0.

The Public Hearings were read by Chairman Vinyard:

- 1. PZC 2025-03 Ali Bukhres, on behalf of Quik Trip Corporation, petitioner, has filed an application with the United City of Yorkville, Kendall County, Illinois, requesting sign variance approval to permit two (2) monument signs to be erected, which exceed the maximum sign area, maximum sign height, and maximum number of signs as stated in Section 10-6-6-B of the Yorkville United Development Ordinance. The real property, zoned B-3 General Business District, is located at the northeast corner of State Route 47 (South Bridge Street) and State Route 71 (Stagecoach Trail) intersection.
- 2. PZC 2025-06 Michael Holzer, petitioner, has filed an application with the United City of Yorkville, Kendall County, Illinois, requesting a bulk regulation variance to Section 10-3-9 of the Unified Development Ordinance, seeking to reduce the required minimum front yard setback from fifty (50) feet to forty-two (42) feet for a parcel located at 904 S. Bridge Street. The real property, zoned B-3 General Business District, is located near the northeast corner of Illinois Route 47 (South Bridge Street) and Illinois Route 126 intersection.

(See Court Reporter's transcript of Public Hearings)
(Petitioner's Standards & Responses to be included in the Official Record)

At approximately 7:19 pm a motion was made by Ms. Linnane and seconded by Mr. Forristall to close the Public Hearings. Roll call: Forristall-yes, Hyett-yes, Crouch-yes, Green-yes, Linnane-yes, Vinyard-yes. Carried 6-0.

#### **Unfinished Business** None

#### **New Business**

#### 1. PZC 2025-03 Ali Bukhres (see full description in #1 above)

Ms. Noble presented the background for this request. She said the original development for this parcel was for Graham's C-Store and a monument sign 20 feet in height had been approved. It was consistent with the Shell station to the southwest. That development did not happen, but QuikTrip kept the zoning after taking over the property. They were granted approval for 2 signs at the 7 foot, 10 inch height. The state requires that gas stations have to advertise for all products offered, necessitating the sign size. When adding the brick it gave them the extra height in the sign area so they didn't need a variance for height, but still need a variance for area as well as number of signs. Staff is supportive of the request. Mr. Bukhres is only requesting 8 feet while other comparable signs in the area are much higher. Ms. Noble read the standards for the variance with Commissioners agreeing to the conditions and the petitioner responses were added to the record.

# **Action Item**

Variance

Chairman Vinyard asked for a motion to approve PZC 2025-03 QuikTrip sign variance. So moved by Ms. Linnane and second by Mr. Forristall. The motion was read by Chairman Vinyard as follows: Motion: In consideration of testimony presented during a Public Hearing on April 9, 2025 and approval of the findings of fact, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval to the City Council for a request for a variance to Section 10-6-6-B.2 of the Unified Development Ordinance, increasing the maximum sign area from 48 square feet to 62 square feet and increasing the maximum number of signs on the property from 1 per 800 linear feet of frontage to 2 signs per 800 feet of linear feet of frontage. Roll call: Hyett-yes, Crouch-yes, Green-yes, Linnane-yes, Vinyard-yes, Forristall-yes. Carried 6-0.

# 2. PZC 2025-06 Michael Holzer (see full description in #2 above)

This petition summary was presented by Ms. Mendez. She said the petitioner is requesting a variance to reduce the front yard setback from the required 50 feet to 42 feet for the office building he is proposing to build for his non-profit. His access point would be off Rte. 47. The lot size is approximately .3 acres and he has limited space for the building. All other setbacks are being met as well as the required number of parking stalls. She noted that some of the properties surrounding his, have similar setbacks. Ms. Mendez noted that the UDO allows certain variances to be granted by the Planning and Zoning Commission, this petition being one of them. The UDO says that if the requested setback is less than 25% of the required amount, the PZC can grant the request. Mr. Holzer's is only 16% less than the required. She then read the standards for this request and the Commissioners verbally agreed with them.

#### **Action Item**

Variance

Chairman Vinyard entertained a motion to approve PZC 2025-06 Michael Holzer petition to reduce the front yard setback. So moved and seconded by Commissioners Green and Forristall, respectively. Mr. Vinyard read the motion as follows: Motion: In consideration of testimony presented during a Public Hearing on April 9, 2025 and approval of the findings of fact, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval for the request for bulk regulation variance to Section 10-3-9, Bulk and Dimensional Standards of the Unified Development Ordinance, reducing the required minimum front yard setback in the B-3 General Business District from fifty (50) feet to forty-two (42) feet. Roll call: Crouch-yes, Green-yes, Linnane-yes, Vinyard-yes, Forristall-yes, Hyett-yes. Carried 6-0.

#### **Additional Business**

- 1. City Council Action Updates
  - a. PZC 2025-01 DMYF-Loftus-Drew Daniels

Rezoning was approved at City Council April 8.

b. PZC 2024-29 1115, LLC Fox Haven

Rezoning and PUD were approved by City Council April 8.

#### Adjournment

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 7:27pm on a motion by Mr. Hyett and second by Ms. Linnane. Unanimous voice vote approval.

Respectfully submitted by Marlys Young, Minute Taker

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(WHEREUPON, the following proceedings were had in public hearing, commencing at 7:02 p.m. as follows:)

CHAIRMAN VINYARD: There are two public hearings scheduled for tonight's Planning and Zoning Commission meeting.

The purpose of these hearings is to invite testimony from members of the public regarding the proposed requests that are being considered before the commission tonight.

Public testimony from persons

present who wish to speak may be for or against

the request or to ask questions of the petitioner

regarding the request being heard.

Once all the public hearings on tonight's agenda are closed, the commission will deliberate on the vote and vote on their recommendation to the City Council for each of the matters that was subject of tonight's hearing.

Those persons wishing to testify are asked to speak clearly, one at a time, and state your name and who you represent. You are also

asked to sign in at the podium.

If you plan to speak during tonight's public hearing as a petitioner or as a member of the public, would you please stand, raise your right hand and repeat after me?

(Witnesses sworn.)

CHAIRMAN VINYARD: Thank you. You guys may be seated. All right. So before we begin,

I've got a little lengthy script going here.

Before we begin, I'd like to review some of the rules to ensure an orderly and productive hearing. When speaking, please make comments that are focused on the matter at hand.

Avoid personal attacks, unrelated topics or repeating points that have already been made.

As chairman, I may limit repetitive remarks or redirect speakers to stay on topic.

Any member of the public who repeatedly disrupts or interrupts any of tonight's hearing may be asked to leave the chambers.

We ask that audience members remain silent during tonight's hearings unless they are

speaking at the podium.

The court reporter must record tonight's testimony, and cooperation from the audience will make her job easier and the transcription of these hearings more accurate.

The commission members may ask clarifying questions at any time and the public may direct relevant questions to the petitioner either through myself or via direct cross-examination. Likewise, the petitioner may respond to public comments and ask clarifying questions of the public speakers.

Once all the public comments have been heard, I will formally close the public comment period, after which the commission will deliberate and will vote. Thank you for your cooperation and participation with this.

So the order of receiving testimony tonight will be the petitioner's presentation, followed by those who wish to speak in favor or in opposition of the request.

So may I have a motion to open the public hearing on petition numbers PZC 2024-03 -- MS. NOBLE: That should be 2025.

Vitosh Reporting Service

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public hearing is PZC 2025-03, Ali Bukhres, on behalf of QuikTrip Corporation, petitioner, has filed an application with the United City of Yorkville, Kendall County, Illinois, requesting sign variance approval to permit two monument signs to be erected which exceed the maximum sign area, maximum sign height and maximum number of signs as stated in Section 10-6-6-B of the United Development Ordinance.

The real property, zoned B-3 General Business District, is located at the northeast corner of State Route 47 and State Route 71.

Is the petitioner present and prepared to make your presentation?

MR. BUKHRES: Yes.

CHAIRMAN VINYARD: Please.

ALI BUKHRES,

having been first duly sworn, testified before the Commission from the dais as follows:

MR. BUKHRES: Just wanted to start out the evening by thanking everyone for allowing us to present to you, and I will try to make this short, sweet and straight to the point. You can move on to the next slide.

So previously we -- in October of '23, whenever we were going through the project, we had a couple monument signs approved. At that time we weren't going to do a third product at our development.

Moving on to 2024, we decided to advertise our third product, which is E85, and we realized that we needed a bigger sign to do that, and with that we requested a sign variance to enlarge our sign so we can show our third product at that site.

The previously approved sign was at the height -- size was seven foot ten inches with 54 square foot in area. At the time the current sign did meet code and -- but with the enlargement of this sign, is no longer within code.

This is the proposed sign after our April 1st meeting. We understood that the base was more in line with what the City is wanting to see around new development, and we agreed with that. That's not something that we want to deter from.

We also did not show landscaping

around the monument sign, which is what we are doing now with this enlargement.

The enlargement is not really a significant enlargement, so since we are doing a brick base, the height variance is actually no longer valid, but the sign area is, so we are -- technically the only size it's enlarging is the sign area by 13.7 square feet.

This is a side-by-side of the monument sign that we are showing. Again, it will have a brick base. Looks pretty identical as you can see; the only difference is adding that third product on the newer sign that we are proposing.

Just some local gas stations with their sign heights in the area that is very similar to other gas stations. We are not asking for something that's out of the ordinary around the City of Yorkville, just something that we see that will benefit our business and keep us with the competitive advantage as well.

CHAIRMAN VINYARD: Would you like your responses added into the hearing tonight?

MS. NOBLE: To your standards --

CHAIRMAN VINYARD: Your standards.

MS. NOBLE: -- provided in your

3 application.

MR. BUKHRES: Yes.

CHAIRMAN VINYARD: Is there anyone present who wishes to speak in favor or opposition of the request?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN VINYARD: Okay. Our next item is PZC 2025-06, Michael Holzer, petitioner, has filed an application with the United City of Yorkville, Kendall County, Illinois, requesting a bulk regulation variance to Section 10-3-9 of the Unified Development Ordinance, seeking to reduce the required minimum front yard setback from 50 feet to 42 feet for a parcel located at 904 South Bridge Street.

The real property, zoned B-3 General Business District, is located near the northeast corner of Illinois Route 47 and Illinois Route 126.

Is the petitioner present --

MR. HOLZER: Yes.

CHAIRMAN VINYARD: -- and ready to make

your proposed request?

MIKE HOLZER,

having been first duly sworn, testified before the Commission from the dais as follows:

MR. HOLZER: Hi. Good evening. I am

Mike Holzer. I really don't have much of a

presentation tonight, it's kind of simple. It's

904 South Bridge Street and it's a 50 foot

current setback and I want to go to 42 feet

setback.

It's kind of a challenging lot because it's like a third of an acre, so it's kind of challenging to get a building on there.

I had Dave Schultz do my site plan and he seemed to think that 42-foot setback was the best option for setting the building, turn-around for the cars, and that's pretty much what I've got.

CHAIRMAN VINYARD: Very good. Thank you.

MR. HOLZER: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN VINYARD: Is there anyone who wishes to speak in favor or opposition of this request?

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1	COMMISSIONER GREEN: Yes.
2	MS. YOUNG: Linnane.
3	COMMISSIONER LINNANE: Yes.
4	MS. YOUNG: And Vinyard.
5	CHAIRMAN VINYARD: Yes. All right. The
6	public hearings of tonight's meeting is now
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I, CHRISTINE M. VITOSH, a Certified Shorthand Reporter of the State of Illinois, do hereby certify:

That the foregoing public hearing transcript, Pages 1 through 17, was reported stenographically by me by means of machine shorthand, was simultaneously reduced to typewriting via computer-aided transcription under my personal direction, and constitutes a true record of the testimony given and the proceedings had;

That the said public hearing was taken before me at the time and place specified;

That I am not a relative or employee or attorney or counsel, nor a relative or employee of such attorney or counsel for any of the parties hereto, nor interested directly or indirectly in the outcome of this action.

I further certify that my certificate attached hereto applies to the original transcript and copies thereof signed and certified under my hand only. I assume no

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Subject: **PZC 2025-04:** Comprehensive Plan Update – Future Land Use Amendments

#### **Summary**

In 2024, the City Council approved ten (10) developments, which required rezoning. Due to the inconsistency of the parcels with the adopted Comprehensive Plan Update of 2016, the future land use designations and maps of each area requires amending. Staff is recommending amending the plan to change the future land uses of these projects to their now approved land use. It is important to make these changes to ensure the plan is consistent with the approved use or current built environment and is not interpreted incorrectly within the planning horizon of the document. A list of these developments can be found in the table below. New Leaf Energy Solar Farm, approved in 2023, is also part of the list since it was not included in the amendment list in 2024.

Project	Current Comp Plan Future Land Use Designation	Proposed Comprehensive Future Land Use Designation
PZC 2022-24 New Leaf Energy Solar Farm	Metra Station Transit-Oriented Development and Estate/Conservation Residential	Agricultural Zone (AZ)
PZC 2024-01 Yorkville Renewable Solar (Nexamp)	Estate/Conservation Residential	Agricultural Zone (AZ)
PZC 2024-03 1.5 Mile Review for 8115 IL Route 47 (Grainco FS, Inc. & A.B. Schwartz)	Estate/Conservation Residential and Agricultural Zone	General Industrial (GI)
PZC 2024-05 Corneils Road Solar	Estate/Conservation Residential	Agricultural Zone (AZ)
PZC 2024-07 Kelaka / Green Door Capital	Estate/Conservation Residential	General Industrial (GI)
PZC 2024-09 1.5 Mile Review for 1520 Cannonball Trail (Fox Valley Family YMCA)	Estate/Conservation Residential and Agricultural Zone	Destination Commercial (DC)
PZC 2024-11 1.5 Mile Review for 7789 IL Route 47 (Jerry Styrczula / A&D Properties)	Estate/Conservation Residential and Agricultural Zone	General Industrial (GI)

PZC 2024-26 DMYF, LLLP (Daniels, Malinski Yorkville Family)	Suburban Neighborhoods	General Industrial (GI)
PZC 2024-29 1115, LLC (Fox Haven Multi- Family Residential Townhome Development)	Commercial Office	Mid-Density Residential (MDR)
PZC 2024-31 Hamman – Kelaka, LLC	Estate/Conservation Residential	General Industrial (GI)
PZC 2024-33 Costco Wholesale Warehouse	Mid Density Residential	Destination Commercial (DC)

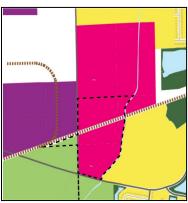
# **Proposed Amendments**

The following is a summary of the proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan Update staff is recommending for each development as well as map images proposed for the amended Future Land Use map in the City's Comprehensive Plan.

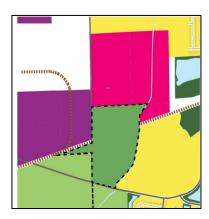
# PZC 2022-24: New Leaf Energy Solar Farm

#### **Current Future Land Use:**

Metra Station Transit-Oriented Development and Estate/Conservation Residential



# **Proposed Future Land Use:**Agricultural Zone



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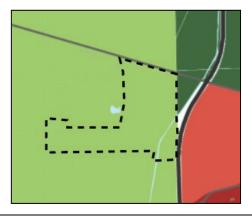
An application was submitted requesting annexation, rezoning, and special use permit approval to construct a 5-megawatt (MW) alternating current (AC) freestanding community solar farm located immediately north of the BNSF railroad line and east of Beecher Road. The 48-acre farmland property consists of three parcels, which 19 of the acres will be used for a solar farm. The parcels were annexed to the City's default R-1 Single Family Suburban Residential zoning and were rezoned to A-1 Agricultural District.

#### **Amendment:**

The property was originally designated as "Metra Station Transit-Oriented Development", which is intended to guide future development for the City's two potential Metra train station districts. One of the three parcels was also originally designated as "Estate/Conservation Residential", which is intended to allow flexibility in residential design, accommodating low-density detached single-family housing while preserving sensitive environmental and scenic features. The "Agricultural Zone" designation is meant for general farming uses. Changing this property's designation to "Agricultural Zone" is consistent with the A-1 Agriculture zoning and the approved solar farm land use.

#### PZC 2024-01: Yorkville Renewable Solar (Nexamp)

**Current Future Land Use:** Estate/Conservation Residential



**Proposed Future Land Use:** Agricultural Zone (AZ)



#### Summary:

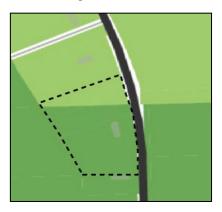
An application was submitted requesting rezoning, special use, and variance authorization to construct a 5-megawatt (MW) freestanding community solar facility located near the southwest corner of Galena Road and Route 47 within the former East Westbury Village Planned Unit Development (PUD). The property is currently utilized for farming. The property was rezoned R-2 Single-Family Traditional Residence District to the A-1 Agricultural District.

#### **Amendment:**

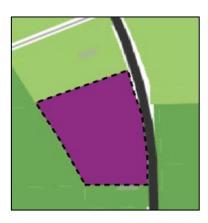
The property was originally designated "Estate/Conservation Residential", which is intended to allow flexibility in residential design, accommodating low-density detached single-family housing while preserving sensitive environmental and scenic features. The "Agricultural Zone" designation is meant for general farming uses. Changing this property's designation to "Agricultural Zone" is consistent with the A-1 Agriculture zoning and the approved solar farm land use.

# PZC 2024-03: 1.5 Mile Review for 8115 IL Route 47 (Grainco FS, Inc. & A.B. Schwartz)

Current Future Land Use: Estate/Conservation Residential and Agricultural Zone



**Proposed Future Land Use:** General Industrial (GI)



#### Summary:

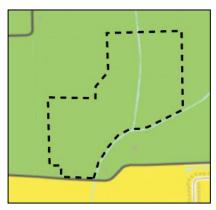
An application was submitted requesting rezoning and an amendment to Kendall County's Future Land Use Map from A-1 Agricultural District to M-1 Limited Manufacturing District located at 8115 IL Route 47 for the purpose of operating a tile business, offices, warehouses, fuel storage, and other light industrial uses within existing structures. The property is approximately 20 acres in size and is located within one and a half miles of the planning boundary for Yorkville, allowing the city the opportunity to review and provide comments to Kendall County.

#### **Amendment:**

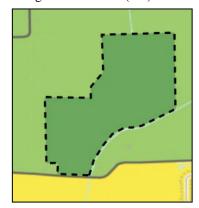
The property was originally designated "Estate/Conservation Residential", which is intended to allow flexibility in residential design, accommodating low-density detached single-family housing while preserving sensitive environmental and scenic features. Part of the property was also originally designated "Agricultural Zone", which is meant for general farming uses. The "General Industrial" designation is meant to accommodate a broad range of warehousing, manufacturing, and energy/industrial land uses. Changing this property's designation to "General Industrial" is consistent with the County's M-1 zoning and the approved industrial land use.

#### PZC 2024-05: Corneils Road Solar

Current Future Land Use: Estate/Conservation Residential



Proposed Future Land Use: Agricultural Zone (AZ)



#### **Summary:**

An application was submitted requesting annexation, rezoning, and special use permit approval to construct a 5-megawatt (MW) alternating current (AC) freestanding community solar farm located immediately north of Corneils Road, east of Beecher Road and west of IL Route 47 (N. Bridge Street). The 94-acre existing farmland property, which 31 acres will be used for a solar farm, was annexed to the City's default R-1 Single Family Suburban Residential zoning and was rezoned to A-1 Agricultural District.

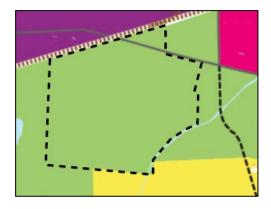
#### **Amendment:**

The property was originally designated "Estate/Conservation Residential", which is intended to allow flexibility in residential design, accommodating low-density detached single-family housing while preserving sensitive environmental and scenic features. The "Agricultural Zone" designation is meant for general farming uses. Changing this property's designation to "Agricultural Zone" is consistent with the A-1 Agriculture zoning and the approved solar farm land use.

# PZC 2024-07: Kelaka / Green Door Capital

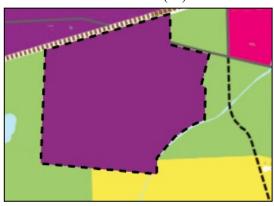
# **Current Future Land Use:**

Estate/Conservation Residential



# **Proposed Future Land Use:**

General Industrial (GI)



#### **Summary:**

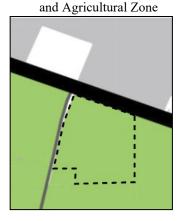
An application was submitted requesting annexation and rezoning approximately 148-acres of unincorporated farmland generally located south of the Burlington Santa Fe railroad line, just southeast of Faxon Road for the purpose of constructing and operating a future industrial/data center land use. The subject property consists of a portion of an existing 191-acre parcel. The property was rezoned R-1 Single-Family Suburban Residential District to M-2 General Manufacturing District.

#### **Amendment:**

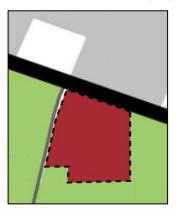
The property was originally designated "Estate/Conservation Residential", which is intended to allow flexibility in residential design, accommodating low-density detached single-family housing while preserving sensitive environmental and scenic features. The "General Industrial" designation is meant to accommodate a broad range of warehousing, manufacturing, and energy/industrial land uses. Changing this property's designation to "General Industrial" is consistent with the M-2 General Manufacturing zoning and future industrial / data center land use.

# PZC 2024-09: 1.5 Mile Review for 1520 Cannonball Trail (Fox Valley Family YMCA)

Current Future Land Use: Estate/Conservation Residential



**Proposed Future Land Use:** Destination Commercial (DC)



#### **Summary:**

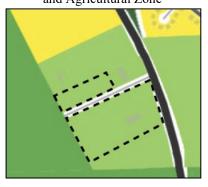
An application was submitted requesting site plan approval to construct a YMCA recreational facility, parking, and related infrastructure to a property at 1520 Cannonball Trail in Bristol Township. The property is approximately 25.8 acres and is located within one and a half miles of the planning boundary for Yorkville, allowing the city the opportunity to review and provide comments to Kendall County.

#### **Amendment:**

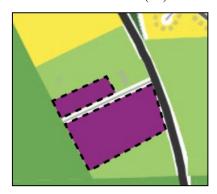
The property was originally designated "Estate/Conservation Residential", which is intended to allow flexibility in residential design, accommodating low-density detached single-family housing while preserving sensitive environmental and scenic features. Part of the property was also originally designated "Agricultural Zone", which is meant for general farming uses. The "Destination Commercial" is intended for a broad range of commercial activities ranging from large format retail and strip centers to hotels and recreational complexes. Changing this property's designation to "Destination Commercial" is consistent with the County's B-4 zoning and the approved recreational facility land use.

#### PZC 2024-11: 1.5 Mile Review for 7789 IL Route 47 (Jerry Styrczula / A&D Properties)

Current Future Land Use: Estate/Conservation Residential and Agricultural Zone



**Proposed Future Land Use:** General Industrial (GI)



# **Summary:**

An application was submitted requesting rezoning from B-3 Highway Business District to M-1 Limited Manufacturing District located at 7789 IL Route 47 to operate a trucking business for the sale and storage of semi-trailers, small trailers, semi-tractors, and similar uses at the subject property. The property is approximately 16.4 acres and is located within one

and a half miles of the planning boundary for Yorkville, allowing the city the opportunity to review and provide comments to Kendall County.

#### **Amendment:**

The property was originally designated "Estate/Conservation Residential", which is intended to allow flexibility in residential design, accommodating low-density detached single-family housing while preserving sensitive environmental and scenic features. Part of the property was also originally designated "Agricultural Zone", which is meant for general farming uses. The "General Industrial" designation is meant to accommodate a broad range of warehousing, manufacturing, and energy/industrial land uses. Changing this property's designation to "General Industrial" is consistent with the County's M-1 zoning and the approved industrial land use.

# PZC 2024-26: DMYF, LLLP (Daniels, Malinski Yorkville Family)

# **Current Future Land Use:**

Suburban Neighborhoods and Estate/Conservation Residential



# **Proposed Future Land Use:** General Industrial (GI)



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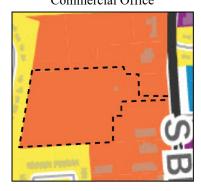
An application was submitted requesting annexation and rezoning approximately 270-acres of unincorporated farmland generally north of US 34 (Veterans Parkway), west of Beecher Road and Kendall Marketplace, and approximately 850 feet east of Eldamain Road for the purpose of constructing and operating a future industrial/data center land use. The property was rezoned R-1 Single-Family Suburban Residential District to M-2 General Manufacturing District.

#### **Amendment:**

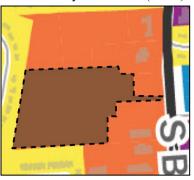
The property was originally designated "Suburban Neighborhood", which is meant to provide single family detached housing options in traditional subdivision layouts. Part of the property was also designated "Estate/Conservation Residential", which is intended to allow flexibility in residential design, accommodating low-density detached single-family housing while preserving sensitive environmental and scenic features. The "General Industrial" designation is meant to accommodate a broad range of warehousing, manufacturing, and energy/industrial land uses. Changing this property's designation to "General Industrial" is consistent with the M-2 General Manufacturing zoning and future industrial / data center land use.

# PZC 2024-29: 1115, LLC (Fox Haven Multi-Family Residential Townhome Development)

Current Future Land Use: Commercial Office



**Proposed Future Land Use:** Mid-Density Residential (MDR)



#### **Summary:**

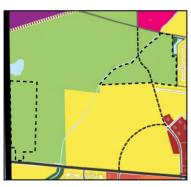
An application was submitted requesting rezoning the 13-acre parcel from R-1 Single-Family Suburban Residence District to R-4 General Multi-Family Residence District for the purpose of developing a townhome community, known as Fox Haven, with 18 buildings totaling 105 townhome units located at 1115 South Bridge Street. The one-acre parcel fronting S Bridge Street will remain zoned as B-3 General Business District, with plans for a future commercial development and is not part of the amendment The property was formally occupied by the Parfection Park which included a golf range, batting cages, and mini golf outdoor entertainment venue which closed in October 2017.

#### **Amendment:**

The property was originally designated "Commercial Office", which is meant to provide commercial, office, and retail space along the City's main commercial corridors including Route 47 and Route 34. The "Mid-Density Residential" designation is meant to provide higher density residential developments near commercial areas which include a variety of housing options. Changing this property's designation to "Mid-Density Residential" is consistent with the R-4 zoning and the approved multi-family residential land use.

#### PZC 2024-31: Hamman – Kelaka, LLC

**Current Future Land Use:** Estate/Conservation Residential



**Proposed Future Land Use:** General Industrial (GI)



#### **Summary:**

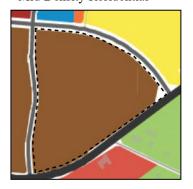
An application was submitted requesting annexation and rezoning. The annexation request involves two parcels totaling approximately 62.54 acres, located south of Faxon Road and west of Iroquois Lane, which are currently undeveloped and used for farming. Additionally, the rezoning request is for three parcels totaling approximately 112.44 acres. The three parcels include the two annexation related parcels and one parcel north of West Veterans Parkway (US 34) and east of Eldamain Road, which is already located within City limits. The two northern parcels were rezoned from R-1 Single-Family Suburban Residential District to M-2 General Manufacturing District and the one parcel within City limits along US 34 was rezoned from B-3 General Business District to M-2 General Manufacturing District to accommodate future uses consistent with a proposed data center development.

#### **Amendment:**

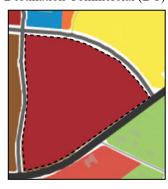
All three parcels were originally designated "Estate/Conservation Residential", which is intended to allow flexibility in residential design, accommodating low-density detached single-family housing while preserving sensitive environmental and scenic features. The "General Industrial" designation is meant to accommodate a broad range of warehousing, manufacturing, and energy/industrial land uses. Changing this property's designation to "General Industrial" is consistent with the M-2 General Manufacturing zoning and future industrial / data center land use.

# PZC 2024-33: Costco Wholesale Warehouse

Current Future Land Use: Mid Density Residential



**Proposed Future Land Use:** Destination Commercial (DC)



### Summary:

An application was submitted requesting a PUD amendment, special use, and final plat to develop a members-only retail store spanning approximately 160,000 square feet and to establish and operate a standalone fueling facility generally located north of Veteran's Parkway, east of McHugh Road, and southwest of East Countryside Parkway. The project is considered a major PUD amendment and would amend the Yorkville Crossing PUD. Additionally, the property's existing B-3 zoning classification will remain unchanged.

#### **Amendment:**

The property was originally designated "Mid-Density Residential", which is meant to provide higher density residential developments near commercial areas which include a variety of housing options. The "Destination Commercial" is intended for a broad range of commercial activities ranging from large format retail and strip centers to hotels and recreational complexes. Changing this property's designation to "Destination Commercial" is consistent with the B-3 zoning and the approved large retail store and fueling facility land use.

# **Staff Comments**

The Comprehensive Plan land use map is a guide to future development and zoning decisions, but it is also meant to be adjusted when circumstances warrant a change in planning direction in a given area of

the City. The changes to these areas have already been decided by the City Council and it is appropriate to change their corresponding land use designations.

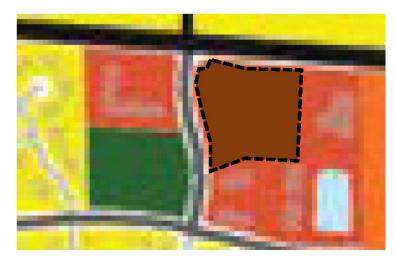
# **Proposed Motion**

In consideration of testimony presented during a Public Hearing on May 14, 2025 and discussions conducted at that meeting, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval to the City Council of a request to amend the Yorkville Comprehensive Plan, including a modified future land use map, pursuant to Section 11-12-7 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/11-12-7) and Section 9-1-1 of the Yorkville City Code. The proposed amendment adds sections the Future Land Use – Map Addendum to reclassify eleven (11) identified developments. The changes are a result of a rezoning approvals made by the City Council in calendar years 2023 and 2024.

# **Attachments**

- 1. Proposed Appendix Amendment Pages
- 2. Public Hearing Notice Affidavit

# FUTURE LAND USE - MAP ADDENDUMS

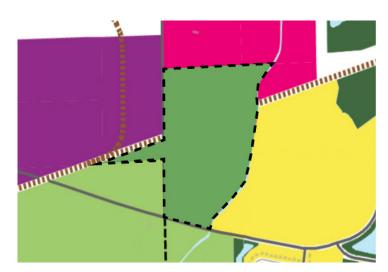


# NORTHPOINTE DEVELOPMENT

New Future Land Use Designation: Mid-Density Residential

#### Summary:

In 2023, an application was approved requesting rezoning and variance to construct a three-story 48-unit senior living apartment complex at the southeast intersection of Sycamore Road and Route 34. The 3.43-acre property was originally zoned B-3 General Business District and was rezoned to R-4 General Multi-Family Residence District. The variance request was to increase the density permitted in the R-4 District from eight (8) dwelling units per acre to fourteen (14) dwelling units per acre. The "Mid-Density Residential" designation is meant to provide higher density residential developments near commercial areas which include a variety of housing options. The "Neighborhood Retail" designation is meant for smaller-scaled commercial developments located in close proximity to nearby residential neighborhoods and subdivisions, primarily focused on convenience type retail. The original "Neighborhood Retail" designation reflected the former B-3 zoning. The proposed "Mid-Density Residential" land use is better suited to the approved senior living apartment development.



# NEW LEAF ENERGY SOLAR FARM

New Future Land Use Designation: Agricultural Zone

#### **Summary:**

In 2023, an application wasapproved requesting annexation, rezoning, and special use permit approval to construct a 5-megawatt (MW) alternating current (AC) freestanding community solar farm located immediately north of the BNSF railroad line and east of Beecher Road. The 48-acre farmland property consists of three parcels, which 19 of the acres will be used for a solar farm. The parcels were annexed to the City's default R-1 Single Family Suburban Residential zoning and were rezoned to A-1 Agricultural District. The property was originally designated as "Metra Station Transit-Oriented Development", which is intended to guide future development for the City's two potential Metra train station districts. One of the three parcels was also originally designated as "Estate/Conservation Residential", which is intended to allow flexibility in residential design, accommodating low-density detached single-family housing while preserving sensitive environmental and scenic features. The "Agricultural Zone" designation is meant for general farming uses. Changing this property's designation to "Agricultural Zone" is consistent with the A-1 Agriculture zoning and the approved solar farm land use.



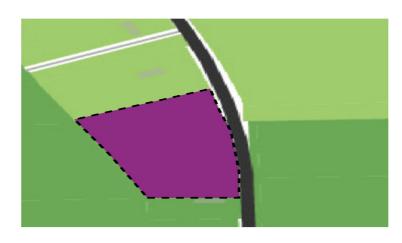
# YORKVILLE RENEWABLE SOLAR (NEXAMP)

New Future Land Use Designation: Agricultural Zone

#### Summary

In 2024, an application was approved requesting rezoning, special use, and variance authorization to construct a 5-megawatt (MW) freestanding community solar facility located near the southwest corner of Galena Road and Route 47 within the former East Westbury Village Planned Unit Development (PUD). The property is currently utilized for farming. The property was rezoned R-2 Single-Family Traditional Residence District to the A-1 Agricultural District. The property was originally designated "Estate/Conservation Residential", which is intended to allow flexibility in residential design, accommodating low-density detached single-family housing while preserving sensitive environmental and scenic features. The "Agricultural Zone" designation is meant for general farming uses. Changing this property's designation to "Agricultural Zone" is consistent with the A-1 Agriculture zoning and the approved solar farm land use.

## FUTURE LAND USE - MAP ADDENDUMS

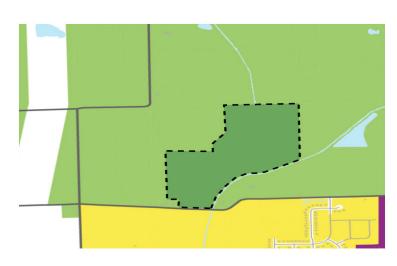


## 1.5 MILE REVIEW FOR 8115 IL ROUTE 47 (GRAINCO FS, INC. & A.B. SCHWARTZ)

New Future Land Use Designation: General Industrial

#### Summary:

In 2024, an application was approved requesting rezoning and an amendment to Kendall County's Future Land Use Map from A-1 Agricultural District to M-1 Limited Manufacturing District located at 8115 IL Route 47 for the purpose of operating a tile business, offices, warehouses, fuel storage, and other light industrial uses within existing structures. The property is approximately 20 acres in size and is located within one and a half miles of the planning boundary for Yorkville, allowing the city the opportunity to review and provide comments to Kendall County. The property was originally designated "Estate/Conservation Residential", which is intended to allow flexibility in residential design, accommodating low-density detached single-family housing while preserving sensitive environmental and scenic features. Part of the property was also originally designated "Agricultural Zone", which is meant for general farming uses. The "General Industrial" designation is meant to accommodate a broad range of warehousing, manufacturing, and energy/industrial land uses. Changing this property's designation to "General Industrial" is consistent with the County's M-1 zoning and the approved industrial land use.



## CORNEILS ROAD SOLAR

New Future Land Use Designation: Agricultural Zone

#### Summary:

In 2024, an application was approved requesting annexation, rezoning, and special use permit approval to construct a 5-megawatt (MW) alternating current (AC) freestanding community solar farm located immediately north of Corneils Road, east of Beecher Road and west of IL Route 47 (N. Bridge Street). The 94-acre existing farmland property, which 31 acres will be used for a solar farm, was annexed to the City's default R-1 Single Family Suburban Residential zoning and was rezoned to A-1 Agricultural District. The property was originally designated "Estate/Conservation Residential", which is intended to allow flexibility in residential design, accommodating low-density detached single-family housing while preserving sensitive environmental and scenic features. The "Agricultural Zone" designation is meant for general farming uses. Changing this property's designation to "Agricultural Zone" is consistent with the A-1 Agriculture zoning and the approved solar farm land use.



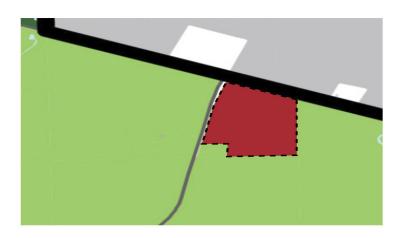
#### KELAKA / GREEN DOOR CAPITAL

New Future Land Use Designation: General Industrial

#### **Summary:**

In 2024, an application was approved requesting annexation and rezoning approximately 148-acres of unincorporated farmland generally located south of the Burlington Santa Fe railroad line, just southeast of Faxon Road for the purpose of constructing and operating a future industrial/data center land use. The subject property consists of a portion of an existing 191-acre parcel. The property was rezoned R-1 Single-Family Suburban Residential District to M-2 General Manufacturing District. The property was originally designated "Estate/Conservation Residential", which is intended to allow flexibility in residential design, accommodating low-density detached single-family housing while preserving sensitive environmental and scenic features. The "General Industrial" designation is meant to accommodate a broad range of warehousing, manufacturing, and energy/industrial land uses. Changing this property's designation to "General Industrial" is consistent with the M-2 General Manufacturing zoning and future industrial / data center land use.

## FUTURE LAND USE - MAP ADDENDUMS

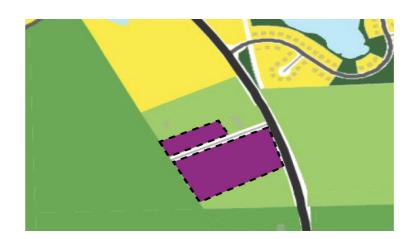


## 1.5 MILE REVIEW FOR 1520 CANNONBALL TRAIL (FOX VALLEY FAMILY YMCA)

New Future Land Use Designation: Destination Commercial

#### Summary:

In 2024, an application was approved requesting site plan approval to construct a YMCA recreational facility, parking, and related infrastructure to a property at 1520 Cannonball Trail in Bristol Township. The property is approximately 25.8 acres and is located within one and a half miles of the planning boundary for Yorkville, allowing the city the opportunity to review and provide comments to Kendall County. The property was originally designated "Estate/Conservation Residential", which is intended to allow flexibility in residential design, accommodating low-density detached single-family housing while preserving sensitive environmental and scenic features. Part of the property was also originally designated "Agricultural Zone", which is meant for general farming uses. The "Destination Commercial" is intended for a broad range of commercial activities ranging from large format retail and strip centers to hotels and recreational complexes. Changing this property's designation to "Destination Commercial" is consistent with the County's B-4 zoning and the approved recreational facility land use.



## 1.5 MILE REVIEW FOR 7789 IL ROUTE 47 (JERRY STYRCZULA / A&D PROPERTIES)

New Future Land Use Designation: General Industrial

#### Summary:

In 2024, an application was approved requesting rezoning from B-3 Highway Business District to M-1 Limited Manufacturing District located at 7789 IL Route 47 to operate a trucking business for the sale and storage of semi-trailers, small trailers, semi-tractors, and similar uses at the subject property. The property is approximately 16.4 acres and is located within one and a half miles of the planning boundary for Yorkville, allowing the city the opportunity to review and provide comments to Kendall County. The property was originally designated "Estate/Conservation Residential", which is intended to allow flexibility in residential design, accommodating low-density detached single-family housing while preserving sensitive environmental and scenic features. Part of the property was also originally designated "Agricultural Zone", which is meant for general farming uses. The "General Industrial" designation is meant to accommodate a broad range of warehousing, manufacturing, and energy/industrial land uses. Changing this property's designation to "General Industrial" is consistent with the County's M-1 zoning and the approved industrial land use.



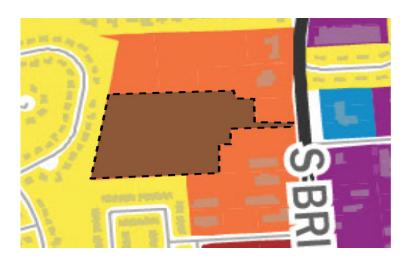
## DMYF, LLLP (DANIELS, MALINSKI YORKVILLE FAMILY)

New Future Land Use Designation: General Industrial

#### Summary

In 2025, an application was approved requesting annexation and rezoning approximately 270-acres of unincorporated farmland generally north of US 34 (Veterans Parkway), west of Beecher Road and Kendall Marketplace, and approximately 850 feet east of Eldamain Road for the purpose of constructing and operating a future industrial/data center land use. The property was rezoned R-1 Single-Family Suburban Residential District to M-2 General Manufacturing District. The property was originally designated "Suburban Neighborhood", which is meant to provide single family detached housing options in traditional subdivision layouts. Part of the property was also designated "Estate/Conservation Residential", which is intended to allow flexibility in residential design, accommodating low-density detached single-family housing while preserving sensitive environmental and scenic features. The "General Industrial" designation is meant to accommodate a broad range of warehousing, manufacturing, and energy/industrial land uses. Changing this property's designation to "General Industrial" is consistent with the M-2 General Manufacturing zoning and future industrial / data center land use.

## FUTURE LAND USE - MAP ADDENDUMS

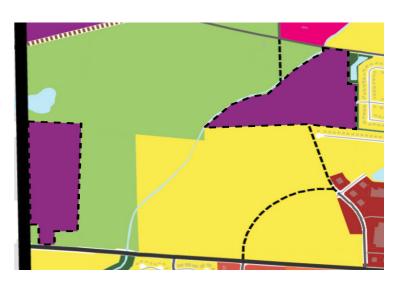


## 1115, LLC (FOX HAVEN MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TOWNHOME DEVELOPMENT)

New Future Land Use Designation: Mid-Density Residential

#### Summary:

In 2025, an application was approved requesting rezoning the 13-acre parcel from R-1 Single-Family Suburban Residence District to R-4 General Multi-Family Residence District for the purpose of developing a townhome community, known as Fox Haven, with 18 buildings totaling 105 townhome units located at 1115 South Bridge Street. The one-acre parcel fronting S Bridge Street will remain zoned as B-3 General Business District, with plans for a future commercial development and is not part of the amendment The property was formally occupied by the Parfection Park which included a golf range, batting cages, and mini golf outdoor entertainment venue which closed in October 2017. The property was originally designated "Commercial Office", which is meant to provide commercial, office, and retail space along the City's main commercial corridors including Route 47 and Route 34. The "Mid-Density Residential" designation is meant to provide higher density residential developments near commercial areas which include a variety of housing options. Changing this property's designation to "Mid-Density Residential" is consistent with the R-4 zoning and the approved multi-family residential land use.

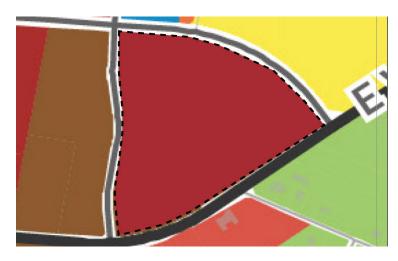


## HAMMAN - KELAKA, LLC

New Future Land Use Designation: General Industrial

#### Summary:

In 2025, an application was approved requesting annexation and rezoning. The annexation request involves two parcels totaling approximately 62.54 acres, located south of Faxon Road and west of Iroquois Lane, which are currently undeveloped and used for farming. Additionally, the rezoning request is for three parcels totaling approximately 112.44 acres. The three parcels include the two annexation related parcels and one parcel north of West Veterans Parkway (US 34) and east of Eldamain Road, which is already located within City limits. The two northern parcels were rezoned from R-1 Single-Family Suburban Residential District to M-2 General Manufacturing District and the one parcel within City limits along US 34 was rezoned from B-3 General Business District to M-2 General Manufacturing District to accommodate future uses consistent with a proposed data center development. All three parcels were originally designated "Estate/Conservation Residential", which is intended to allow flexibility in residential design, accommodating low-density detached single-family housing while preserving sensitive environmental and scenic features. The "General Industrial" designation is meant to accommodate a broad range of warehousing, manufacturing, and energy/industrial land uses. Changing this property's designation to "General Industrial" is consistent with the M-2 General Manufacturing zoning and future industrial / data center land use.



## COSTCO WHOLESALE WAREHOUSE

New Future Land Use Designation: Destination Commerical

#### **Summary:**

In 2025, an application was submitted requesting a PUD amendment, special use, and final plat to develop a members-only retail store spanning approximately 160,000 square feet and to establish and operate a standalone fueling facility generally located north of Veteran's Parkway, east of McHugh Road, and southwest of East Countryside Parkway. The project is considered a major PUD amendment and would amend the Yorkville Crossing PUD. Additionally, the property's existing B-3 zoning classification will remain unchanged. The property was originally designated "Mid-Density Residential", which is meant to provide higher density residential developments near commercial areas which include a variety of housing options. The "Destination Commercial" is intended for a broad range of commercial activities ranging from large format retail and strip centers to hotels and recreational complexes. Changing this property's designation to "Destination Commercial" is consistent with the B-3 zoning and the approved large retail store and fueling facility land use.



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PUBLIC NOTICE OF A HEARING BEFORE THE UNITED CITY OF YORKVILLE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISION PTC 2025-04

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NOTICE IS HEREWITH GIVEN
THAT the Planning and Zoning Commission of the United
City of Yorkville will conduct a
public hearing on May 14, 2025
at 7:00PM at the Yorkville City
Hall, 651 Prairie Pointe Drive,
Yorkville, Illinois, regarding the
adoption of a proposed update
to the Yorkville Comprehensive
Plan, including a modified future land use map, pursuant to
section 11-12-7 of the Illinois
Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/1112-7) and Section 9-1-1 of the
Yorkville City Code.

The changes are a result of rezoning approvals made by the City Council in calendar years 2023 and 2024. The proposed amendments reclassifying the following properties for the Future Land Use – Map Addendum of the City's Comprehensive Plan:

- 48 acres, located immediately north of the BNSF railroad line and east of Beecher Road from "Metra Station Transit-Oriented Development" and "Estate/Conservation Residential" to a land use designation of "Agricultural Zone (AZ)".
- 73.5 acres, located near the southwest corner of Galena Road and Route 47 within the former East Westbury Village Planned Unit Development (PUD) from "Estate/Conservation Residential" to a land use designation of "Agricultural Zone (AZ)".
- 20 acres, located at 8115 IL Route 47 from "Estate/Conservation Residential" and "Agricultural Zone" to a land use designation of General Industrial (GI)".
- 94 acres, located immediately north of Corneils Road, east of Beecher Road and west of IL Route 47 (N. Bridge Street) from "Estate/Conservation Residential" to a land use designation of "Agricultural Zone (AZ)".
- 148 acres, located generally south of the Burlington Santa Fe railroad line, just southeast of Faxon Road from "Estate/ Conservation Residential" to a land use designation of "General Industrial (GI)".
- 25.8 acres, located at 1520 Cannonball Trail in Bristol Township from "Estate/Conservation Residential" and "Agricultural Zone" to a land use designation of "Destination Commercial (DC)".
- 16.4 acres, located at 7789 IL Route 47 from "Estate/Conservation Residential" and "Ag-

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ricultural Zone" to a land use designation of "General Industrial (GI)".

- 270 acres, located generally north of US 34 (Veterans Parkway), west of Beecher Road and Kendall Marketplace, and approximately 850 feet east of Eldamain Road from "Suburban Neighborhoods" and "Estate/ Conservation Residential" to a land use designation of "General Industrial (GI)".
- 13 acres, located at 1115 South Bridge Street from "Commercial Office" to a land use designation of "Mid-Density Residential (MDR)".
- 112.4 acres, located south of faxon Road and west of Iroquois Lane from "Estate/Conservation Residential" to a land use designation of "General Industrial (GI)".
- 34 acres, located generally north of Veteran's Parkway, east of McHugh Road, and southwest of East Countryside Parkway from "Mid Density Residential" to a land use designation of "Destination Commercial (DC)".

The public hearing may be continued from time to time to dates certain without further notice being published.

All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing and will be given an opportunity to be heard. Any written comments should be addressed to the United City of Yorkville Community Development Department, City Hall, 651 Prairie Pointe Drive, Yorkville, Illinois, and will be accepted up to the date of the public hearing.

By order of the Corporate Authorities of the United City of Yorkville, Kendall County, Illinois.

JORI BEHLAND City Clerk

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## Memorandum



To: Planning and Zoning Commission

From: Sara Mendez, Planner I

CC: Bart Olson, City Administrator

Krysti Barksdale-Noble, Community Development Director

Lynn Dubajic, Economic Development Consultant

Date: May 7, 2025

Subject: **PZC 2025-05** Data Center Development Standards – Text Amendment

#### **Summary**

A request to amend Section 10-4-10. Energy Industrial Use Standards in the Unified Development Ordinance regarding data center facilities. The proposed amendments would introduce development regulations petitioners would be required to follow.

#### **Need for Data Center Development Standards:**

Over the past year, the City has been approached by multiple data center developers and speculative petitioners, highlighting the increasing interest in this sector. Additionally, there has been a rise in speculative zoning applications for data centers without a confirmed end user. Currently, there are ~3,000 acres of land in pivotal locations near the ComEd transmission station off of Eldamain Road that could support data center development. However, the City does not have specific regulations regarding intensive "Energy Industrial Uses" such as data center developments. To ensure responsible growth and maintain high development standards, it is crucial for the City to establish clear data center regulations that developers must follow.

#### Research on Municipalities/Counties with Data Center Specified Regulations:

As data center development continues to grow exponentially, many zoning ordinances across the United States do not yet explicitly address development standards for these uses. However, some municipalities are proactively updating their zoning regulations to accommodate the increasing demand.

Loudoun County, Virginia—known as "Data Center Alley"—has the highest concentration of data centers in the world, with approximately 200 existing facilities and 117 more in development. To manage this rapid growth, on February 6, 2024, the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors directed staff to initiate a Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPAM) and a Zoning Ordinance Amendment (ZOAM) to update policies and standards for data centers and electrical substations.

The table below outlines various data center development standards implemented in Loudoun County. While Yorkville is not looking to adopt Loudoun County's standards exactly, it aims to implement similar best practices tailored to the City's specific needs. Notably, Loudoun County's regulations do not include specific setbacks for commercial, public institutional, or school uses, which Yorkville intends to incorporate into its approach.

#### Type of Standard

#### Standard for Loudoun County, Virginia

Landscape	The plant unit composition requirements apply exclusively to <b>buffer</b> or <b>road corridor buffer</b> areas. The specifications are as follows:
	• <b>Large Deciduous Trees</b> : Up to 30% of the required plant units.
	• Small Deciduous Trees: Up to 30% of the

	<ul> <li>required plant units.</li> <li>Evergreen Trees: A minimum of 40% and a maximum of 70% of the required plant units, with trees being at least 8 feet tall when planted.</li> <li>Shrubs, Ornamental Grasses, and Perennials: Up to 20% of the required plant units.</li> </ul>
Minimum Building/Structure Setback	200 feet from the shared property line of a residential area only.
Building separation from data center structure to residential	No regulation in place.
Maximum Building Height	The maximum building height for data centers is determined by the zoning district.  The following are the zoning districts data centers are permitted in and their maximum building height:  1. Industrial Park (IP): 100 feet 2. General Industry (GI): 100 feet 3. Mineral Resource – Heavy Industry (MR-HI): 45 feet
Noise study	A noise study is required.
Generator Noise Testing Hours	When adjacent to residential areas:  1. May 1 <sup>st</sup> – September 30 <sup>th</sup> 5pm-7pm  2. October 1 <sup>st</sup> – April 30 <sup>th</sup> 11am-5pm
Light and Glare	Data centers must include a photometric plan that shows all exterior lighting, including all security lighting.  Maximum Illumination: lighting must not cause illumination in excess of 0.25 foot-candles above background light levels measured at the lot line of any adjacent lot or road right-of-way
Nuclear Energy	Possibly considering due to the high demand of data centers in Virginia.
Specific Buffer and Berm Requirements	Buffer Type C is required with the specified plantings and located on an earthen berm that has a minimum height of 6 feet and a grade lower than 2:1.  Buffer Type C: Opaque, intended to provide the greatest degree of screening feasible and minimize visual contact between uses, creating a strong impression of total separation.

Prince William County, Virginia, is also a rapidly growing hub for data centers. As of February 2024, the county had at least 44 data center buildings totaling 8.3 million square feet. To encourage development in areas with existing infrastructure capable of supporting data centers, the county established the Data Center Opportunity Zone Overlay District.

In Prince William County, data centers are permitted by right within the overlay district, as well as in various office, industrial, and manufacturing zoning districts. The table below outlines the standards established for the Data Center Opportunity Zone Overlay District:

Type of Standard	Standard for Prince William County, Virginia
Screening of Mechanical Equipment	Mechanical equipment must be screened from major roads and residential properties using a building, existing vegetation, or a visually solid fence, wall, or panel.
Buffer Yard Requirement	A buffer yard is required between data centers and adjacent residential properties.  A six-foot earthen berm with Type C plantings must be installed unless existing topography, vegetation, or a six-foot solid fence provides equivalent screening.  Type C: Designed to provide maximum screening, minimizing visual exposure between uses and creating a clear sense of separation.
Fencing	Chain-link and barbed wire fencing are prohibited along public and private streets.  Permitted fencing includes Stalwart IS Anti-Ram Barrier & Impasse II, a high-security steel system with an integrated crash-rated barrier.
Floor Area Ratio (FAR) Increase	Data centers within the Data Center Opportunity Zone Overlay District may have a FAR up to 1.0, provided all other development standards are met.
Substations	Must be screened from major roads and residential areas with 10-foot opaque fencing.
Building Facades Near Historic District	Buildings visible from the Manassas Battlefield Park must have non-reflective, dark green or brown facades to blend into the tree line.

Chandler, Arizona has seen significant data center development, with notable facilities including H5 Data Centers' Phoenix Data Center and Digital Realty's Chandler Data Center. In December 2022, the City of Chandler modified its zoning code to define the location and operation of data centers. The zoning code took effect in January 2023. The table below outlines the standards established in Chandler's Zoning Code to address data centers:

## Type of Standard

#### Standard for Chandler, Arizona

Restriction on Data Center Operations	Data Centers are not permitted to operate unless
Restriction on Data Center Operations	explicitly approved as part of a Planned Area Development zoning district.  Data centers that are ancillary to another primary use are permitted if:  1. They occupy no more than 10% of the building footprint  2. They serve the enterprise function of the on- site property owner and are not used to lease data storage or processing services to third parties  3. They are not housed in a separate, stand-alone structure on the parcel
Notification to Residents	The data center operator or property owner must notify all residents and homeowners' associations within a 0.5-mile radius of the property about their intent to build and operate a data center. This notice must be mailed to all postal addresses and homeowners' association addresses within the specified radius from the property line of the proposed data center site.
Neighborhood Meetings	Data center operator must schedule and attend 2 neighborhood meetings with residents to describe the project and the proposed sound-mitigation aspects of the project design.  Notice of the neighborhood meetings must be mailed to all residents and homeowner associations within a 0.5-mile radius of the parcel.  A representative of the developer or owner with decision-making authority on the design of the data center must attend the neighborhood meetings.  Data center operator or property owner must also post a sign on the subject property, at least 15 days before each neighborhood meeting. The sign must be located along an arterial street or other high-visibility location  The sign must include the following:  1. The applicant's name and contact information 2. Brief description of the data center project 3. Date, time, and location of the neighborhood meeting

Neighborhood Liaison Requirement	After issuance of a certificate of occupancy and commencement of the operation of the data center, the operator of a data center must provide an on-site neighborhood liaison between the hours of 8am and 10pm MST each day to respond to complaints about noise emanating from the data center.
Pre-Development Sound Study Requirement	Before the first neighborhood meeting, the property owner proposing a data center must conduct a sound study by a third-party acoustic engineer to document baseline noise levels, including measurements at the property line of the nearest residentially zoned or noise-sensitive property.  The property owner must provide a copy of the results of the study to the City of Chandler before the 1st neighborhood meeting.
Post-Construction Noise Monitoring Requirements	After receiving either a certificate of occupancy or a certificate of completion, the data center operator must conduct a noise study by a third-party acoustical engineer to document noise levels at the property line of the nearest residentially zoned or planned property during peak operation of the data center's mechanical equipment.  Data center operator must conduct an additional noise study annually during peak operation of the data center mechanical equipment for 5 years after completion of the initial post-construction noise study.  Data center operator must provide the results of the noise study to the City of Chandler within 30 days of the anniversary date on which the certificate of occupancy or certificate of completion was issued by the City.
Backup Power Generator Notification Requirements	If data center operator intends to use backup power generator, the operator must maintain a public website announcing the times when the generators will be in operation.  Any routine operation of the backup generators, including for testing purposes, must be announced on the website 24 hours in advance.  The operator must also notify the City of Chandler Communications and Public Affairs Department at least 24 hours in advance.  Backup generators may operate between the hours of

9am and 5pm, Monday – Friday, excluding holidays.

Data center operator must provide the address of the website where the notices required.

#### **Approved & Proposed Data Centers**

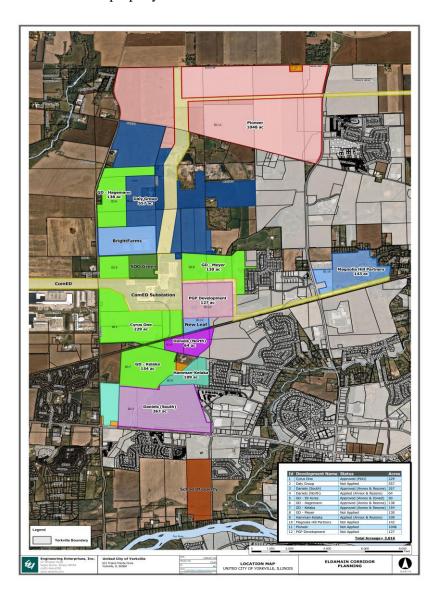
Since Yorkville identified data centers as permitted land uses in the M-2 General Manufacturing District in the Zoning Ordinance in 2023 and established a placeholder in the recently adopted Unified Development Ordinance for future development standards under Energy Industrial Uses, the City has experienced a growing interest in data center development. With the approval of Yorkville's first data center project, Cyrus One in 2024, there has been a significant increase in speculative entitlement requests, including annexations and rezonings, for potential data center developments. This trend highlights the need for clearly defined standards to guide future projects and ensure alignment with the City's long-term planning goals.

The table and map below highlight twelve (12) data center projects that have been approved, are currently under review, or involve site inquiries with stated intentions to apply within the City of Yorkville:

Development Name	Acres	Zoning	Application Status	Approval Status	Nearest Distance to Residential Property Line	Residential Subdivision
Cyrus One	229 acres	M-2 Limited Manufacturing District	Applied	Approved (PUD) (2024)	~2,230 feet	Whispering Meadows
Prologis (Project Steel)	557 acres	Unincorporated	Applied	Pending (Annex, Rezone, & PUD)	~3,500 feet	Caledonia
Daniels (South)	267 acres	M-2 Limited Manufacturing District	Applied	Approved (Annex & Rezone) (2025)	~130 feet	Fox Hill
Daniels (North)	64 acres	A-1 Agricultural District	Applied	Pending (Annex & Rezone)	~98 feet	Whispering Meadows
Green Door – 50 acres	50 acres	M-2 Limited Manufacturing District	N/A	Approved	~4,300 feet	Caledonia
Green Door - Hagemann	138 acres	M-2 Limited Manufacturing District	Applied	Approved (Annex & Rezone) (2024)	~7,300 feet	Caledonia
Green Door – Kelaka	154 acres	M-2 Limited Manufacturing District	Applied	Approved (Annex & Rezone) (2024)	~1,500 feet	Kylyn's Ridge
Green Door – Meyer	130 acres	R-4 General Multi- Family Residence District (Westbury South Village)	Not Applied	N/A	~0 feet*	Caledonia

Hamman- Kelaka	109 acres	B-3 General Business District/Unincorporated	Applied	Approved (Annex & Rezone) (2025)	~0 feet*	Kylyn's Ridge
Magnolia Hill Partners	143 acres	Unincorporated	Not Applied	N/A	~2,600 feet	Autumn Creek
Pioneer (Project Cardinal)	1,048 acres	Planned Unit Development (PUD) (Westhaven & Bailey Meadows)	Applied	Pending (Annex, Rezone, & PUD)	~460 feet	Bristol Bay
PGP Development	127 acres	Unincorporated	Not Applied	N/A	~650 feet	Caledonia

<sup>\*</sup>Immediately adjacent to residential property line



The table below outlines the approved Planned Unit Development (PUD) and data center projects, including those submitted without a land plan, and highlights the regulations each petitioner has agreed to follow per the applicable Planned Unit Development Agreement/Annexation Agreement.

Development Name	Regulations Agreed to be Followed
	<ol> <li>Building Setbacks:</li> <li>Front Yard (Eldamain Road): 150-foot setback from the road's right-of-way</li> <li>Rear Yard (Beecher Road): 60-foot setback from the road's right of way</li> <li>Side Yard (north and south property lines): 50-foot setback</li> </ol>
	<ul> <li>Parking: <ul> <li>.2 parking spaces per 1,000 square feet net floor area</li> </ul> </li> <li>Required to construct a minimum of 400 total spaces, including 10 electric vehicle (EV) charging spots.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>3. Access to Subject Property:</li> <li>1 access point off Eldamain Road and 1 access off Faxon Road</li> </ul>
	<ul><li>4. Off-Street Loading:</li><li>No more than 1 loading space shall be required per building</li></ul>
Cyrus One	<ul> <li>5. Landscaping:         <ul> <li>The developer must install landscaping along Eldamain, Faxon, and Beecher roadways that meets Transition Zone Type D Standards, while other internal landscaping requirements under UDO Section 10-5-3 are waived</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Mechanical Screening and Fencing:</li> <li>Must comply with the City's Noise Ordinance (Title 4, Chapter 4. Noise Ordinance)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>7. Appearance Standards:</li> <li>• Must submit updated building elevations with a final plat application or building permit request.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>8. Lots; Street Design</li> <li>Exempt from Section 10-7-2 and 10-7-3 in the UDO</li> </ul>
	9. Signage:

## 10. Lighting:

• Must submit photometric plan along with manufacturer's cut sheet of proposed lighting standards installed in parking area

#### Daniels (South)

There are no zoning and land development regulations to follow due to the absence of a formal land plan.

Must follow Section 10-6 (Sign Standards) in the UDO

Green Door - Hagemann	There are no zoning and land development regulations to follow due to the absence of a formal land plan.
Green Door – Kelaka	There are no zoning and land development regulations to follow due to the absence of a formal land plan.
Hamman- Kelaka	<ol> <li>Building Restriction:         <ul> <li>No buildings shall be erected on the property identified by Parcel Index Number 02-19-200-008. Surface parking, roads and stormwater management facilities shall be permitted on this parcel.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Data Center Building to Residential Structure:         <ul> <li>No buildings shall be erected closer than 400 feet to nearest existing residential structure.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Landscape Buffer and Berm Requirement:         <ul> <li>100-foot landscaped buffer with an 8 foot tall berm shall be installed between the proposed data center and the Kylyn's Ridge subdivision immediately adjacent and to the east of the Subject Property, and the homes located on Blackberry Shore Lane immediately adjacent and to the south of the Subject Property. This buffer shall include elements such as vegetation, solid fencing, green walls, stormwater management area, living groundcover, and turf to ensure effective visual screening and physical separation between land uses.</li> </ul> <li>Building Height:         <ul> <li>Any buildings located within 1,500 feet of a residential subdivision shall be no more than seventy (70) feet tall, including all rooftop equipment.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Equal Distance Restrictions for Adjacent Residential Areas:         <ul> <li>Any distance restrictions on development at the Subject Property that provide a benefit for the Kylyn's Ridge subdivision, including landscaped buffers, shall also be applied for the benefit of the homes along Blackberry Shore Lane immediately adjacent and to the south of the Subject Property.</li> </ul> </li> </li></ol>

#### **Proposed Text Amendments:**

As municipalities like Loudoun County, Prince William County, and the City of Chandler experience rapid data center growth, they have implemented zoning standards tailored to these developments. Similarly, the City of Yorkville is working to adopt specific data center regulations. Since identifying data centers as a permitted use in the M-2 General Manufacturing District in 2023, the City has approved its first Planned Unit Development for the Cyrus One data center. Additionally, there has been a rise in speculative entitlement requests, including annexations and rezonings, for potential data center projects. However, the City's M-2 General Manufacturing District does not currently include specific development standards for data centers. To ensure responsible growth and maintain high development standards, it is crucial for the City to establish clear data center regulations that developers must follow. The table below compares the standards the City is considering implementing with the current M-2 General Manufacturing District standards and the City's existing code:

#### Standard

## M-2 General Manufacturing District/ City Code

#### **Proposed Standards**

#### Landscape Buffer – when adjacent to non-manufacturing zoned land use

Section 10-5-3 in the Unified Development Ordinance establishes landscape standards for new developments. The following landscape requirements would apply to data center developments: building foundation landscaping, parking area perimeter landscaping, parking area interior landscaping, and transition zone landscaping.

Table 10-5-3(F)(2) Application of Transition Zone Types states Industrial land uses are required to utilize Transition Zone "D" landscape buffer when adjacent to the following land uses: single-family residential, all other residential, public/institutional, retail, service/medica/office, lodging, eating/drinking, entertainment, vehicle related, and industrial/transportation.

The UDO states Type D has a Minimum Zone Width of 20 feet and the Minimum Fence/Wall height is 6 feet, which may also be satisfied with a solid evergreen hedge. The Minimum Number of Landscape Elements per 100 Linear Feet are as followed:

1. Understory Tree: 5

2. Canopy/Evergreen Tree: 5

3. Shrubs/Native Grasses: 35

In addition to Section 10-5-3 the following requirements will apply:

Minimum of 100-foot landscape buffer when adjacent to any nonmanufacturing zoned land use (i.e. residential, commercial, public institutional, school, etc.)

- Landscape buffer shall be consistent with Transition Zone D in Section 10-5-3.F of the Unified Development Ordinance
- 2. The buffer area shall be dedicated exclusively to dense landscaping, including trees and shrubs, and shall not be used for stormwater detention, roadways, walking trails, surface parking, or similar improvements.
- 3. Required 8-foot-tall berms when adjacent to residential subdivisions

#### Discussion:

1. Is the City open to granting relief from the landscape standards or will applications be reviewed on a caseby-case basis?

#### **Landscape Buffer – Road**

Please refer to the Landscape Regulations above Minimum of a 100-foot landscape buffer along any public roadway

> Landscape buffer shall be consistent with Transition Zone D in Section 10-5-3.F of the Unified

		Development Ordinance  2. The buffer area shall be dedicated exclusively to dense landscaping, including trees and shrubs, and shall not be used for stormwater detention, roadways, walking trails, surface parking, or similar improvements.
Building separation	The Unified Development Ordinance does not currently impose a minimum building separation requirement between a data center building or structure (primary or accessory) and the nearest residential or commercial structure.	Minimum of a 500-foot building separation from the nearest data center building or structure (primary or accessory) to the nearest residential or commercial structure.
Maximum Height	Table 10-3-9(A) of the Unified Development Ordinance indicates that the M-2 General Manufacturing District currently has no maximum building height restriction.	Maximum height for data centers within 1,500 feet of a residential structure shall be 70 feet including roof top mechanical equipment  a. No rooftop mounted HVAC or other mechanical units are allowed within this buffer, unless specifically approved by City Council
		Discussion:  1. To be consistent with maximum height in other districts (B-1, B-2, and B-3), will the city consider a maximum height of 80 feet if the data center is not within 1,500 feet of a residential structure?
Noise Study	Although the City does not have an explicit requirement for data centers to conduct a noise study, it engaged a sound engineer to evaluate the preliminary PUD for the now-approved Cyrus One data center—the City's first Planned Unit Development for data center	All applications for data centers shall provide a noise study which will be subject to review by the City's sound engineering consultant  1. A pre-construction noise study shall include baseline noise

use—while considering the surrounding existing and future land uses. This evaluation served as the required noise study for the project.

- measurements of the current environment and predictive modeling in phased and at full buildout to ensure the facility's design will meet local noise limits
- Consider sharing with the public or at least neighboring property owners for full transparency
- 2. Data center developers must include a mitigation plan in their noise study to ensure that operational noise does not exceed the pre-development baseline measured at the property.
- 3. All major mechanical equipment (generators, chillers, HVAC units) shall be fully enclosed or screened by solid barriers. If rooftop mechanical equipment is approved, they shall be enclosed in penthouses with sound dampening construction
- Backup generators and condensers shall be placed on the side of the building(s) or the opposite side of the facility, farthest from residential structures.

#### **Discussion:**

1. Should the City implement an annual noise monitoring conducted by the City's sound engineering consultant for 3 years after construction completion to verify ongoing noise compliance?

Operational Testing	Based on the Table 1 Sound Level Limits in the Code of Ordinances (Chapter 4 Noise Ordinance), if a data center is located near a residential land use property, it must keep noise levels below 60 dBA during the day (7am-10pm) and below 50 dBA at night (10pm-7pm).  If a data center is located near a commercial or public parks and other open public space land use properties, it must keep noise level below 67dBA during the day (7am-10pm) and night time (10pm-7am).	Operational testing of emergency backup generators shall be limited to between the hours of 11am to 5pm on weekdays only, non-holidays.  Discussion:  1. The city may want to consider implementing strict noise limits for data centers at all receiving property land uses property ensuring they do not exceed the current Noise Ordinance  2. Does the City want to require lower dBA for residential land uses at night?  3. Additionally, the City is considering requiring operators to use the lowest-noise equipment available, such as hospital-grade mufflers on generators, to help minimize noise impacts on
Nuclear Energy	There is currently no standard in place, but the City strongly opposes the use of nuclear energy.	Data centers are strictly prohibited from using, generating, storing, or deploying nuclear energy as a power source within the City. This includes, but is not limited to, nuclear reactors, small modular reactors (SMRs), or any other nuclear-based technology.
Phasing Plan	There is currently no requirement for a phased construction plan in place for data centers to minimize impacts on residential structures.	Implement a phased construction plan that minimizes impacts on residential structures by prioritizing initial development at the farthest distance from existing residential structures.
Fencing	Permitted Materials in the M-2 District:  1. Stone 2. Brick	Fencing shall be security style aluminum, steel, wrought iron, or similar materials.  Chain-link or barbed wire fencing is prohibited along public-facing

	<ol> <li>Natural rot resistant wood (cedar, cyprus, redwood)</li> <li>Cast or wrought iron</li> <li>Plastic</li> <li>Aluminum</li> <li>Composite wood and plastic</li> <li>Vinyl coated chain-link (rear and side yard only in all zoning district)</li> <li>Galvanized chain-link (only on M-1 and M-2 properties adjacent to other M-1 or M-2 property)</li> <li>The maximum height for fences in the manufacturing district is 8 feet for the front, corner side, interior</li> </ol>	edges and properties adjacent to residential land uses.
Lighting and Photometric	Table 10-5-7(E) Outside Lighting Height Standards allows for manufacturing districts to have a maximum lighting height of 35 feet.	Lighting and photometric plans must provide and adhere to Section 10-5-7. Outside Lighting of the Unified Development Ordinance.  Discussion:  1. Table 10-5-7(E) Outside Lighting Height Standards allows for manufacturing districts to have a maximum lighting height of 35 feet. Should the City consider lowering the light pole standard maximum?
Traffic Management Plan	Section 10-A-10. Traffic Study in Unified Development Ordinance does not explicitly require a Traffic Management Plan, rather, it focuses on a Traffic Impact Study, which is an analysis of existing and projected traffic conditions.	A Traffic Management Plan shall be required during construction, including a communication strategy and an on-site point of contact during construction.
Battery Storage	The battery storage standards require 4-hour fire wall protection and must not be adjacent to any combustible materials.	Battery storage systems shall be located a minimum of 50 feet away from any adjacent structure and must be readily accessible by BKFD for firefighting efforts.

Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)	Typically, high hazard uses in the City are required to have an Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). While the City has its own EOP, there is no specific requirement for data centers to have an individual Emergency Operations Plan	Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) shall be submitted and approved by the City and Fire Protection District (BKFD) prior to issuance of a building permit and must include:  1. Procedures for fire suppression, hazardous material spills, evacuation, and communication in case of an incident  2. Training sessions/drill and or walkthroughs with fire and police shall be required prior to occupancy permit  3. Designated contacts for emergency services and a plan to broadcast information if an incident could affect the public  4. Must work with KenCom emergency managers to be part of text or siren alert systems
Building Code Enhanced Standards	The City has adopted the 2018 edition of the International Code Council (ICC), which includes provisions for energy storage.	Installing advanced early fire detection in server rooms, using fire-resistive construction beyond code minimums on walls facing neighborhoods, or providing additional hazardous material safeguards.  Compliance with NFPA 855
Appearance Standards	Section 10-5-8. C.4 sets appearance guidelines and standards for industrial uses, which include the following:  Guidelines:  1. At least 50% of the total building shall incorporate masonry products or precast concrete. The front facade, facing a street with the main entry, must be at least 50% masonry or	

precast concrete, while any facade abutting a street must also include masonry or precast concrete.

Masonry or precast concrete is encouraged on all remaining facades.

When using precast concrete panels or splitface block, incorporating colors, patterns, or architectural features is encouraged.

- 2. Building entryways shall be clearly identified. Building components, such as windows, doors, eaves and parapets shall be in proportion to one another.
- 3. The location of parking lots in a manner that is logical, safe, and pedestrian friendly is encouraged. In this respect, the location of parking lots in the rear or side of a building is encouraged.

#### Standards:

- 1. Industrial buildings shall consist of solid and durable facade materials and be compatible with the character and scale of the surrounding area.
- 2. Industrial buildings with facades greater than 100 feet in length shall incorporate recesses, projections, windows or other ornamental/architectural features along at least 30% of the length of the facade abutting a public street in an effort to break up the mass of the structure.

Lastly, through Ordinance 2023-30, the City defined "battery uses," "data centers," and "refrigerated warehouses (cold storage)" and established off-street parking regulations for these land uses.

However, during the transition from the Zoning Ordinance to the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), the table outlining off-street parking regulations was not incorporated, although was used in the calculations for determining minimum parking standards for Cyrus One. Staff is requesting to formally add the table below to the UDO to ensure these regulations are applied to data centers.

Use	Minimum Spaces Required
<b>Energy Industrial Uses:</b>	
Battery Storage:	
Less than 70,000 square feet	Minimum of 20 parking spaces
More than 70,001 square feet	0.3 per 1,000 square feet of floor area
Data Center:	
Less than 70,000 square feet	Minimum of 20 parking spaces
More than 70,001 square feet	0.3 per 1,000 square feet of floor area
Refrigerated Warehouse (Cold Storage)	
Less than 150,000 square feet	0.5 per 1,000 square feet of floor area
More than 150,001 square feet	0.3 per 1,000 square feet of floor area.

#### **Proposed Motion**

In consideration of testimony presented during a Public Hearing on May 14, 2025 and discussions conducted at that meeting, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval to the City Council of a request to amend Section 10-4-10, Energy Industrial Use Standards, of the Unified Development Ordinance to establish development regulations for data center facilities, as presented in a staff memorandum dated May 7, 2025 and further subject to {insert any additional conditions of the Planning and Zoning Commission}...

#### **Attachments**

- 1. Proposed Amendments to Section 10-4-10 Energy Industrial Use Standards
- 2. Ordinance 2023-30
- 3. Public Hearing Notice Affidavit

#### 10-4-10. Energy Industrial Uses

#### A. Landscape Buffer – when adjacent to non-manufacturing zoned land use

- 1. In addition to Section 10-5-3 the following requirements apply:
  - a. Minimum of 100 foot-landscape buffer when adjacent to non-manufacturing zoned land use (i.e. residential, commercial, school, public institutional, etc.).
  - b. The buffer area shall be dedicated exclusively to dense landscaping, including trees and shrubs, and shall not be used for stormwater detention, roadways, walking trails, surface parking, or similar improvements.
  - c. Required 8-foot-tall berms when adjacent to residential subdivisions.

#### B. Landscape Buffer – when adjacent to roads

- 1. Minimum of a 100-foot landscape buffer along any public roadway.
  - a. Landscape buffer shall be consistent with Transition Zone D in Section 10-5-3.F.
  - b. The buffer area shall be dedicated exclusively to dense landscaping, including trees and shrubs, and shall not be used for stormwater detention, roadways, walking trails, surface parking, or similar improvements.

#### C. Building Separation

1. Minimum of a 500-foot building separation from the nearest data center building or structure (primary or accessory) to the nearest residential or commercial structure.

#### D. Maximum Height

- 1. Maximum height for data centers within 1,500 feet of a residential structure shall be 70 feet including rooftop mechanical equipment.
  - a. No rooftop mounted HVAC or other mechanical units are allowed within this buffer, unless specifically approved by City Council.

#### E. Noise Study

- 1. All applications for data centers shall provide a noise study which will be subject to review by the City's sound engineering consultant.
- 2. The noise study must include the following:
  - a. A pre-construction noise study shall include baseline noise measurements of the current environment and predictive modeling in phased and at full buildout to ensure the facility's design will meet local noise limits as detailed in <u>Title 4, Chapter 4 of Yorkville's Code of</u> Ordinances.
  - b. Data center developers must include a mitigation plan in their noise study to ensure that operational noise does not exceed the pre-development baseline measured at the property.
  - c. All major mechanical equipment (i.e generators, chillers, HVAC units) shall be fully enclosed or screened by solid barriers. If rooftop mechanical equipment is approved, they shall be enclosed in penthouses with sound dampening construction.
    - i. Backup generators and condensers shall be placed on the side of the building(s) or the opposite side of the facility, farthest from residential structures.
- 3. An annual noise monitoring will be conducted by the City's sound engineering consultant for 3 years after construction completion to verify ongoing noise compliance.

#### F. Operational Testing

1. Operational testing of emergency backup generators shall be limited to between the hours of 11am to 5pm on weekdays only, non-holidays.

#### G. Nuclear Energy

1. Data centers are strictly prohibited from using, generating, storing, or deploying nuclear energy as a power source within the City. This includes, but is not limited to, nuclear reactors, small modular reactors (SMRs), or any other nuclear-based energy.

#### H. Phasing Plan

1. Implement a phased construction plan that minimizes impacts on residential structures by prioritizing initial development at the farthest distance from existing residential structures.

#### I. Fencing

- 1. Fencing shall be security style aluminum, steel, wrought iron, or similar materials.
- 2. Chain-link or barbed wire fencing is prohibited along public facing edges and properties adjacent to residential land uses.

#### J. Lighting and Photometric

1. Lighting and photometric plans must be submitted at the time of application and adhere to Section 10-5-7 Outside Lighting.

#### K. Traffic Management Plan

1. A Traffic Management Plan shall be required during construction, including a communication strategy and an on-site point of contact during construction.

#### L. Battery Storage

1. Battery storage systems shall be located a minimum of 50 feet away from any adjacent structure and must be readily accessible by Bristol Kendal Fire Protection District (BKFD) for firefighting efforts.

#### M. Emergency Operations Plan

- 1. Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) shall be submitted and approved by the City and the Bristol Kendal Fire Protection District (BKFD) prior to issuance of a building permit and must include:
  - a. Procedures for fire suppression, hazardous material spills, evacuation, and communication in case of an incident.
  - b. Training sessions/drills and or walkthroughs with fire and police shall be required prior to occupancy permit.
  - c. Designated contacts for emergency services and a plan to broadcast information if an incident could affect the public.
  - d. Must work with KenCom emergency managers to be part of text or siren alert systems.

#### N. Building Code Enhanced Standards

- Installing advanced early fire detection in server rooms, using fire-resistive construction beyond code minimums on walls facing neighborhoods, or providing additional hazardous material safeguards.
- 2. Compliance with National Fire Protection Association 855.

#### O. Appearance Standards

1. Appearance standards shall comply with the requirements outlined in Section 10-5-8.4.

## UNITED CITY OF YORKVILLE KENDALL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2023-30**

ORDINANCE OF THE UNITED CITY OF YORKVILLE, KENDALL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE IDENTIFY, DEFINE, AND REGULATE ENERGY INDUSTRIAL USES

Passed by the City Council of the United City of Yorkville, Kendall County, Illinois This 26th day of September, 2023

Published in pamphlet form by the authority of the Mayor and City Council of the United City of Yorkville, Kendall County, Illinois on September 27, 2023.

#### Ordinance No. 2023-30

## AN ORDINANCE OF THE UNITED CITY OF YORKVILLE, KENDALL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE IDENTIFY, DEFINE, AND REGULATE ENERGY INDUSTRIAL USES

**WHEREAS**, the United City of Yorkville (the "City") is a duly organized and validly existing non home-rule municipality created in accordance with the Constitution of the State of Illinois of 1970 and the laws of the State; and,

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 10-4-10 of the United City of Yorkville Zoning Ordinance ("Zoning Ordinance") the City may initiate amendments to the Zoning Ordinance; and,

WHEREAS, the City filed a petition seeking an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to identify Energy Industrial Uses as uses consisting of "battery uses", "data centers" and "refrigerated warehouses (cold storage") as their own line items in Table 10.06.04 Manufacturing Uses; and,

WHEREAS, the City filed a petition seeking an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to define "battery uses", "data center", and "refrigerated warehouse (cold storage)" as permitted uses within the M-1 and M-2 zoning districts; and,

WHEREAS, the City filed a petition seeking an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to add off-street parking regulations for Energy Industrial Uses in Section Table 10.16.03 regarding battery uses, data centers, and refrigerated warehouses (cold storage), to reflect the proposed new definitions; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission convened and held a public hearing on September 13, 2023, to consider each of these requests and made findings of fact and recommendations to the City Council to approve all of the requested text amendments.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and City Council of the United City of Yorkville, Kendall County, Illinois, as follows:

**Section 1:** That the above recitals are hereby incorporated and made a part of this Ordinance.

**Section 2:** That a Section 10-2-3 of the United City of Yorkville Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to add the following definitions:

BATTERY STORAGE USES: A use that enables battery manufacturing, charging, recycling, warehousing, storage, and related uses. This may also include uses that derive energy from renewable sources, such as wind and solar power, to be collected, stored, and then released for later use to an electric grid, power plant or private user.

DATA CENTER: A facility comprised of networked computers, storage systems, and computing infrastructure which organizations use to assemble, process, store and disseminate data. Cryptocurrency centers, which use networked computers, storage systems, and computing infrastructure to manage the flow of digital or virtual currencies, shall be included in the definition.

REFRIGERATED WAREHOUSE (COLD STORAGE): A facility which is artificially or mechanically cooled in order to maintain the integrity and quality of perishable goods.

**Section 3:** That a Section 10-6-0, Table 10.06.04 of the United City of Yorkville Zoning Ordinance to add the land uses as follows:

	A-1	OS-1	OS-2	판	R-1	R-2	R-2D	R-3	R-4	0	B-1	В-2	В-3	B-4	M-1	M-2
Battery Storage Uses	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	P	P
Data Center	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	ı	-	Р	P
Refrigerated Warehouse (Cold Storage)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	P	Р

**Section 4:** That a Section 10-16-3-F, Table 10.16.03 of the United City of Yorkville Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to add language regulating off-street parking for the land uses as follows:

Use	Minimum Spaces Required						
Energy	Industrial Uses:						
Batter	y Storage						
Les	s than 70,000 square feet	Minimum 20 parking spaces					
Мо	re than 70,001 square feet	0.3 per 1,000 square feet of floor area					
Data C	enter						
Less	s than 70,000 square feet	Minimum 20 parking spaces					
Мо	re than 70,001 square feet	0.3 per 1,000 square feet of floor area					
Refrige	erated Warehouse (Cold Storage)						
Less	than 150,000 square feet	0.5 per 1,000 square feet of floor area					
More than 150,001 square feet		0.3 per 1,000 square feet of floor area					

**Section 5:** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage, publication, and approval as provided by law.

Passed by the City Council of the United City of Yorkville, Kendall County, Illinois this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, A.D. 2023.

CITY CLERK

KEN KOCH	<u>ABSENT</u>	DAN TRANSIER	<u>AYE</u>
ARDEN JOE PLOCHER	<u>AYE</u>	CRAIG SOLING	<u>AYE</u>
CHRIS FUNKHOUSER	AYE	MATT MAREK	<u>AYE</u>
SEAVER TARULIS	<u>AYE</u>	RUSTY CORNEILS	<u>AYE</u>

APPROVED by me, as Mayor of the United City of Yorkville, Kendall County, Illinois

this day of September, A.D. 2023.

**MAYOR** 



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# PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE UNITED CITY OF YORKVILLE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION PZC 2025-05

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Planning and Zoning Commission of the United City of Yorkville will conduct a public hearing on May 14, 2025, at 7:00PM at the Yorkville City Hall, 651 Prairie Pointe Drive, Yorkville, Illinois, regarding an amendment to Section 10-4-10 Energy Industrial Use Standards regarding data center development of the Yorkville Unified Development Ordinance.

The proposed text amendment seeks to establish specific regulations for data center developments. These regulations include standards related to noise control, landscape buffering, building separation from residential properties, height limitations, and other design and operational requirements

The public hearing may be continued from time to time to dates certain without further notice being published.

All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing and will be given an opportunity to be heard. Any written comments should be addressed to the United City of Yorkville Community Development Department, City Hall, 651 Prairie Pointe Drive, Yorkville, Illinois, and will be accepted up to the date of the public hearing.

By order of the Corporate Authorities of the United City of Yorkville, Kendall County, Illinois.

JORI BEHLAND City Clerk

