

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF MUSKEGON
TOWNSHIP OF MONTAGUE

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RESOLUTION NO. 2025-12-09-1

**RESOLUTION IMPOSING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON BITCOIN,
CRYPTOCURRENCY MINING, AND/OR
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND/OR OTHER DATA HUB OPERATIONS**

WHEREAS, Montague Township ("Township") is a general law township organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan;

WHEREAS, The Township Board is charged with protecting the public health, safety, and welfare of Township residents;

WHEREAS, The Township has received inquiries and/or anticipates future interest in establishing large-scale Bitcoin, cryptocurrency mining, and artificial intelligence ("AI") or other data hub operations within the Township;

WHEREAS, Bitcoin, Cryptocurrency mining and AI or other data hub operations are known to require substantial amounts of electrical energy and produce significant levels of noise and heat, which may adversely impact the Township's infrastructure, environment, and quality of life for residents;

WHEREAS, Bitcoin, Cryptocurrency mining and AI or other data hub operations may also require substantial amounts of water of which there is no municipal system;

WHEREAS, The Township presently has no zoning or regulatory framework specifically addressing or accommodating Bitcoin, cryptocurrency mining or AI or other data hub operations;

WHEREAS, The Township Board finds it necessary to study and consider appropriate regulations to protect the community while balancing property rights and technological innovation;

WHEREAS, The Township Board finds it is in the best interest of the public to temporarily halt the establishment or expansion of Bitcoin, cryptocurrency mining and AI or other data hub operations during such study and consideration period.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Moratorium Established. A temporary moratorium is hereby imposed on the establishment, construction, or expansion of any Bitcoin, other cryptocurrency mining, or artificial intelligence ("AI") or other data hub operations within the Township.

2. Duration. This moratorium shall commence immediately and remain in effect for a period of six (6) months from the date of adoption, unless extended by further resolution of the Township Board.

3. Scope. During the moratorium period, no zoning permits, building permits, electrical permits, or other Township approvals shall be issued for any new or expanded Bitcoin, cryptocurrency mining or AI or other data hub operations.

4. Study and Recommendations. The Township Planning Commission and Township Supervisor are hereby directed to study potential impacts and regulatory options concerning cryptocurrency mining and AI or other data hub operations, including but not limited to: Noise and energy use, environmental effects, fire safety and heat management, zoning classifications and limitations and licensing or operational standards.

The Planning Commission shall present recommendations to the Township Board prior to the expiration of this moratorium.

5. Severability. If any portion of this Resolution is found to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions.

Adopted by the Montague Township Board at a regular meeting held on the 9th day of December, 2025.

Motion made by: _____
Motion second by: _____
Roll Call Vote: _____

CERTIFICATION I, Drew Roesler, Clerk of Montague Township, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the Township Board at a meeting held on 9th December, 2025.

Drew Roesler
Township Clerk Montague Township
Muskegon County, Michigan

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. Moratorium Established. A temporary moratorium shall be imposed on establishment, expansion of any Bitcoin, cryptocurrency mining and AI or other data hub operations during the moratorium period.