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Amendment 1 Version 1 to CB 121214 - Data Center Moratorium

Sponsor: Councilmember Lin

Allowing the expansion of existing facilities

Effect: This amendment would allow existing data centers to expand by up to the threshold in the definition of data center, rather than counting the existing data center's MVA toward the threshold.

Amend Section 1 of CB 121214 as follows:

Section 1. The City finds and declares:

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F. Several smaller scale data centers exist in Seattle today, all in Downtown Seattle.

G. The City desires to support the data needs of existing businesses, government entities, including public safety, as well as healthcare facilities, educational institutions, and others, and therefore values striking a balance that recognizes those needs and previous investment, and anticipates growing needs and future investment, in existing facilities.

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Re-number all subsequent subsections.

Amend Section 2 of CB 121214 as follows:

Section 2. The Council adopts a moratorium on the filing, acceptance, processing, or approval of applications to establish or expand data centers, either as principal or accessory uses, or change of use to data centers, either as principal or accessory uses, in all zones in the city. The moratorium applies to data centers as

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defined in Section 3 of this ordinance, whether as a component of a project or as the

entire project for which a permit is sought. The moratorium does not apply to an

application to expand a facility's capacity by no more than an additional 20 Megavolt-

Amperes (MVA), if the facility is operating on the effective date of this ordinance and: (1)

is a data center as defined in Section 3 of this ordinance; or (2) would otherwise meet

the definition of data center in Section 3 of this ordinance except that its existing

capacity is at or below 20 MVA.