

YPSILANTI CHARTER TOWNSHIP

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2025-13

An Ordinance Amending Appendix A – ZONING, Township Zoning Ordinance of Ypsilanti Charter Township to Add Definitions for Data Center or Computing Center and Technology Centers/Office Research, and Modify the Districts that List Data Centers as a Permitted or Special Land Use in the Township.

Ypsilanti Charter Township hereby ordains that Appendix A. – Zoning, adopted February 15, 2022, in the Code of Ordinances of Ypsilanti Charter Township is hereby amended by adding and modifying the following described text (additions are underlined, deletions are ~~struck thru~~).

[Add to Article II. – CONSTRUCTION OF LANGUAGE AND DEFINITIONS]

Section 201. – Definitions:

Data Center or Computing Center: A facility primarily used to house computer systems and associated components, including servers, telecommunications, storage systems, backup power supplies, redundant data communications connections, and environmental controls.

Technology centers/office research, Business(es) that provide an environment where high-tech uses and functions such as engineering, design, research and development, photonics/optics, computer assisted design, robotics research, numerical control equipment (CAD/CAM), prototype development and limited manufacturing, biotechnology lasers, medical research, food and materials testing, telecommunications, and limited assembly operations associated with principal permitted uses can be located. Data or Computing Centers do not qualify under this definition.

[Modify Article IV. – DISTRICT REGULATIONS]

Section 420, ~~Residential Use Table~~ Table of Uses

3. Residential districts table of uses identifies the uses allowed in the following residential districts:
4. Business districts table of uses identifies the uses allowed in the following commercial districts:
5. Industrial districts ~~schedule table~~ residential/industrial districts of uses identifies the uses allowed in the following

Industrial Districts Use Table	I-T	L-M	ICR	Notes
Product Assembly				
Data centers for the storage and warehousing of computer servers or computing centers.	-	Permitted Use	Permitted Use <u>Special Land Use – Township Board (SL-TB)</u>	
Office and Financial				
Data processing and computer centers, including service and maintenance of electronic data processing equipment	Permitted Use	Permitted Use	P <u>Special Land Use – Township Board (SL-TB)</u>	

[Modify Article V. – FORM BASED DISTRICTS]

Section 504 – Neighborhood Corridors:

2. Use groups by category-neighborhood corridors:

Neighborhood Corridors
Use Group 1
Residential Uses:
One-Family detached and attached dwellings, subject to regulations in Section 1101.
Two-Family dwellings.
Use Group 2
Misc. Residential/Related Uses:
Mixed-use. Any combination of uses located in group 1, 2 or 3, that is mixed vertically in a building or horizontal on one (1) parcel.
Multiple-Family dwellings.
Live/Work units.
Child care centers, subject to regulations in Section 1155.
Bed and breakfast operations, subject to regulations in Section 1107.

Use Group 3
Office/Institutional:
Civic buildings.
Place of worship.
Professional and medical office.
Publicly owned/operated office and service facilities.
Use Group 4
Retail, Entertainment, and Service Uses:
Financial institution without drive-through.
General retail.
Quick serve food or restaurant use without a drive-through.
Personal services.
Business services.
Small group or one-on-one exercise or art studio.
Use Group 5
Misc. Uses:
Adaptive Reuse, subject to regulations in Section 1167.
Any single use building over ten thousand (10,000) sq/ft.
Veterinary clinics or hospitals, subject to regulations in Section 1116, or Section 1117.
Commercial kennels/pet day care, subject to regulations in Section 1161.
Technology centers/office research/ data-center .
Mortuaries/Funeral homes, subject to regulations in Section 1115.
Senior assisted/independent living, subject to regulations in Section 1160.
Group day care homes, subject to regulations in Section 1155.
Lodging, subject to regulations in Section 1122, Section 1123, or Section 1124, as applicable.
Fitness, gymnastics, and exercise centers.
Theatres and places of assembly.
Indoor commercial recreational facilities, subject to regulations in Section 1135.
Use Group 6
Automotive Uses:
Vehicle car wash, subject to regulations in Section 1129.
Financial Institution with drive-through, subject to regulations in Section 1118.
Vehicle fueling/multi-use station, subject to conditions in Section 1126.

Sec. 505. - Regional corridors:

2. Use groups by category-regional corridors:

Regional Corridors
Use Group 1
Residential Uses:
One-Family detached and attached dwellings, subject to regulations in Section 1101.
Two-Family dwellings.
Use Group 2
Misc. Residential/Related Uses:
Mixed-use. Any combination of uses located in group 1, 2 or 3, that is mixed vertically in a building or horizontal on one (1) parcel.
Multiple-Family dwellings.
Live/Work units.
Child care centers, subject to regulations in Section 1155.
Bed and breakfast operations, subject to regulations in Section 1107.
Use Group 3
Office/Institutional:
Civic Buildings.
Professional and medical office.
Primary/secondary schools (private).
Publicly owned/operated office and service facilities.
Place of worship.
Veterinary clinics or hospitals, subject to regulations in Section 1116 or Section 1117, as applicable.
Use Group 4
Retail, Entertainment, and Service Uses:
Financial institutions without a drive-through.
General retail.
Food use without a drive-through.
Personal services.
Business services.
Small group or one-on-one exercise or art studio.

Use Group 5
Misc. Uses:
Adaptive Reuse, subject to regulations in Section 1167.
Retail over 30,000 sq./ft.
Commercial kennels/pet day care, subject to regulations in Section 1161.
Hospitals.
Technology centers/office research/ data center.
Mortuaries/Funeral homes, subject to regulations in Section 1115.
Senior assisted/independent living, subject to regulations in Section 1160.
Group day care homes, subject to regulations in Section 1155.
Lodging, subject to regulations in Section 1122, Section 1123, or Section 1124, as applicable.
Fitness, gymnastics, and exercise centers.
Theatres and places of assembly.
Use with a drive-through, subject to regulations in Section 1118.
Indoor commercial recreational facilities, subject to regulations in Section 1135.
Outdoor commercial recreational facilities, subject to regulations in Section 1130
Use Group 6
Automotive Uses:
Vehicle wash, subject to regulations in Section 1129.
Vehicle fueling/multi-use station, subject to regulations in Section 1126.
Dealership for sales of new or used vehicles, boats, house trailers or rental of trailers or vehicles, subject to regulations in Section 1121.

Sec. 506. - Town Center:

2. Use Groups by Category-Town Center:

Town Center Corridors
Use Group 1
Residential Uses:
One-Family detached and attached dwellings, subject to regulations in Section 1101.
Two-Family dwellings.

Use Group 2
Misc. Residential/Related Uses:
Mixed-use. Any combination of uses located in group 1, 2 and , 3 <u>and</u> 4 that is mixed vertically in a building or horizontal on one (1) parcel.
Multiple-Family dwellings.
Live/Work units.
Child care centers, subject to regulations in Section 1155.
Bed and Breakfast operations, subject to regulations in Section 1107.
Use Group 3
Office/Institutional:
Civic Buildings.
Professional and medical office.
Primary/secondary schools (private).
Publicly owned/operated office and service facilities.
Place of worship.
Veterinary clinics or hospitals, subject to regulations in Section 1116 or Section 1117, as applicable.
Use Group 4
Retail, Entertainment, and Service Uses:
Financial institutions without a drive-through.
General retail.
Food use without a drive-through.
Personal services.
Business services.
Small group or one-on-one exercise or art studio.
Use Group 5
Misc. Uses:
Commercial kennels/pet day care, subject to regulations in Section 1161.
Retail over 10,000 sq./ft.
Technology centers/office research/ data-center.
Senior assisted/independent living, subject to regulations in Section 1160.
Group day care homes, subject to regulations in Section 1155.
Lodging, subject to regulations in Section 1122, Section 1123, or Section 1124, as applicable.
Fitness, gymnastics, and exercise centers.
Theatres and places of assembly.
Light Industrial/Warehousing.

Research and development.
Indoor commercial recreational facilities, subject to regulations in Section 1135.
Use Group 6
Automotive Uses:
Drive-through use, subject to regulations in Section 1118.

Severability

In the event that any one or more sections, provisions, phrases or words of this ordinance shall be found to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity nor the enforceability of the remaining sections, provisions, phrases or words of this Ordinance unless expressly so determined by a Court of competent jurisdiction.

Non Exclusivity

The prohibitions and penalties provided for in this Ordinance shall be in addition to, and not exclusive of, other prohibitions and penalties provided for by other law, ordinance, or rule/regulation.

Publication

This Ordinance shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation as required by law.

Effective Date

The Ordinance shall become effective upon publication in a newspaper of general circulation as required by law.

I, Debra A. Swanson, Clerk of the Charter Township of Ypsilanti, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan hereby certify approval of the first reading of Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-513 by the Charter Township of Ypsilanti Board of Trustees assembled at a regular meeting held on December 2, 2025. The second reading is scheduled to be heard on December 16, 2025.

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Debra A. Swanson, Clerk
Charter Township of Ypsilanti