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1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to local government; requiring public hearings and certain disclosures

1.3 prior to approval of data center development; proposing coding for new law in

1.4 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 462.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. [462.3599] DATA CENTERS.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have

1.8 the meanings given.

1.9 (b) "Armed with a firearm" has the meaning given in section 326.32, subdivision 1a.

1.10 (c) "Armed with a weapon" has the meaning given in section 326.32, subdivision 1b.

1.11 (d) "Data center" means a facility composed of one or more buildings that has a primary

1.12 purpose of providing for the storage, management, or processing of digital data.

1.13 (e) "End user" means the owner or operator of a constructed data center.

1.14 (f) "Municipality" means a county, home rule charter or statutory city, or town.

1.15 (g) "Security guard" has the meaning given in section 326.32, subdivision 13.

1.16 Subd. 2. Public hearings required. A municipality must hold at least two public hearings

1.17 prior to the approval of a rezoning petition or an application for a conditional use or special

1.18 use permit made for the construction of a data center.

1.19 Subd. 3. Disclosures required. (a) At least one public hearing under subdivision 2 must

1.20 be solely for the purpose of informing the public of the petition or application. The

2.1 municipality must disclose the following information at least 48 hours before the public  
2.2 hearing:

2.3 (1) the name of the petitioner or applicant;

2.4 (2) the name of the anticipated end user of the proposed data center;

2.5 (3) the location and size of the proposed data center;

2.6 (4) if the data center is located within or abuts an area zoned for residential use, the  
2.7 estimated number of security guards employed to protect the data center site during and  
2.8 after construction and whether any security guard will be armed with a firearm or armed  
2.9 with a weapon; and

2.10 (5) the estimated scope of utilities necessary for operation of the proposed data center,  
2.11 including but not limited to fuel lines, sewer, stormwater, and electricity.

2.12 (b) Forty-eight hours before any public meeting held to vote on approval of a petition  
2.13 or application, the municipality must disclose the information required under paragraph (a).

2.14 (c) A municipality may make the disclosures required under this subdivision by posting  
2.15 the information on the municipality's website or by making the same information available  
2.16 for inspection at a reasonable time and place.

2.17 Subd. 4. **Effect of private agreements.** The disclosure requirements under subdivision  
2.18 3 apply notwithstanding any nondisclosure agreement or other contract signed by a  
2.19 municipality or an agent of a municipality.

2.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2026, and applies to agreements  
2.21 entered into before, on, or after that date.