TOWN OF MARSHFIELD
FOND DU LAC COUNTY, WISCONSIN

ORDINANCE AMENDING TOWN OF MARSHFIELD
ZONING ORDINANCE
ORDINANCE 2026-005

The Town Board of the Town of Marshfield, with quorum present and voting, and having received a recommendation from the Town Plan Commission, and having conducted a public hearing thereon, hereby adopts the following amendments to the Town of Marshfield Zoning Ordinance:

Section 3.2 is hereby amended to read:

Data Center: One or more buildings or an array of connected buildings owned, leased, or operated by the same business entity, or its affiliate and for which the buildings are rehabilitated or constructed to house a group of network server computers in one physical location or multiple occasions in order to centralize the processing, storage, management, retrieval, communications, or dissemination of data and information.

Section 5.3 7. is hereby amended to read:

A transportation, utility, communication, or other use that is required under state or federal law to be located in a specific place or that is authorized to be located in a specific place under a state or federal law that preempts the requirement of a permit for that use, excluding Data Centers.

Section 6.3 2. is hereby amended to read:

Customary home occupation or professional offices conducted by the resident only, excluding Data Centers, subject to sign code provisions in Section 12.

Section 9.2. is hereby amended to read:

Wholesale Business, excluding Data Centers.

Section 11.8 1. b. is hereby amended to read:

Transportation, communications, pipeline, electric transmission, utility, or drainage uses, excluding data centers, if all of the following apply:

(1) The use and its location are consistent with the purposes of the district.
(2) The use and its location are reasonable and appropriate, considering alternative locations, or are specifically approved under state or federal law.
(3) The use is reasonably designed to minimize conversion of land, at and around the site of the use, from agricultural use or open space use.
(4) The use does not substantially impair or limit the current or future agricultural use of surrounding parcels of land that are zoned for or legally restricted to agricultural use.
(5) Construction damage to land remaining in agricultural use is minimized and repaired, to the extent feasible.

Section 11.8 2. b. is hereby amended to read:

Banks, post office, medical or dental clinics, business or professional offices, excluding Data Centers.

Section 11.8 2. k. is hereby amended to read:

Any other use, excluding Data Centers, the Town Board determines is substantially similar to one of the other specifically enumerated special uses.

Section 11.8 3. k. is hereby amended to read:

Storage and warehousing of fuel and materials, excluding Data Centers, and the storage of wrecked and dismantled vehicles, junk, explosives, or inflammable gases or liquids.

Section 11.8 3. n. is hereby amended to read:

Wireless communications structures and mechanical appurtenances, excluding Data Centers.

Section 11.8 3. o.is hereby amended to read:

Public utility or public service corporation building or structures, excluding Data Centers, provided that the Town Board shall find that the proposed location of such buildings or structures is reasonably necessary for the public convenience, safety or welfare.

Section 11.8 5. j. is hereby amended to read:

Communication Tower, Commercial, excluding Data Centers.

All other provisions of the Town of Marshfield Zoning Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

The Town Clerk and Town Attorney are hereby authorized and directed to take all action necessary to implement this Ordinance.

Dated this 11th day of May, 2026.

TOWN OF MARSHFIELD

By: John Bord
John Bord, Town Chairperson

Attest: Marlene J Sippel
Marlene J. Sippel, Town Clerk