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## **Burns Harbor focused on the Town's Process regarding Developer's Interest in a Data Center Site.**

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**BURNS HARBOR, Ind.** –The Town of Burns Harbor has been approached by Provident Realty Advisors, Inc., a Dallas, TX-based real estate development firm, regarding their interest in developing a vacant 100-acre site into a data center campus.

“Although the concept of a data center is new to Burns Harbor, having out-of-state businesses and real estate developers seeking to locate or expand in Burns Harbor is not new,” said Jennifer McHargue, Town Council President. “Burns Harbor strives to be business friendly. The Town is steadily attracting a range of businesses that create local jobs, diversify the tax base, and improve quality of life for residents and the region. Every developer or business owner is required to follow the Town's Process, and this process includes opportunities for public comment.”

The first step in the Town Process for the proposed data center site begins with the Plan Commission. At the August 5, 2024, 6:00 p.m. meeting, the Plan Commission will hold two public hearings for the Provident Realty Advisors' requests to create a data center zoning district and to request the rezoning of the proposed 100-acre data center site from residential to the new data center zoning classification. Upon the hearings, the Plan Commission will then make recommendations to the Town Council. The Town Council will consider the recommendations at its August 14, 2024, 7:00 p.m. meeting.

Should the rezoning be approved, several steps would follow under the Plan Commission and the Town Council over the coming months. Residents would have opportunities to learn more about the proposed development and provide public comments that the Town will address.

“Throughout the process, the Town Council will be weighing the pros and cons of the proposed development, making determinations, and negotiating as needed, just as we have done on past projects and current ones,” added President Jennifer McHargue. “Burns Harbor was established from the creation of the steel mill. We will build off our history and shape a positive future through the Town's process.”

The Town of Burns Harbor is a competitive community because of its superb location, available lands, quality neighborhoods and schools, and its proximity to Chicago, major utilities, transportation, key industries and the Indiana Dunes National Park.

“The Art of Green Living reflects the Town’s coexistence with industry and nature. We will continue to find ways to grow Burns Harbor responsibly and sustainably through private investment, grants and tax dollars to best serve our residents,” said Roseann Bozak, Burns Harbor Redevelopment Commission President. “The Town of Burns Harbor, and various project partners, have made strides in adding new businesses and jobs, constructing the Marquette Greenway trail system, improving parklands, enhancing schools, and providing safe neighborhoods for today and generations ahead.”

The Town of Burns Harbor Plan Commission meets on the first Monday of each month, 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 1240 N. Boo Rd., Burns Harbor, IN. The Town of Burns Harbor Town Council meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The public is always welcomed and strongly encouraged to attend Town meetings.

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Incorporated in 1967, the Town of Burns Harbor offers the “Art of Green Living,” a unique lifestyle that balances industry and nature with convenient access to the Indiana Dunes National Park, Marquette Greenway, and quality schools. Located 40 miles outside of Chicago, Burns Harbor nearly doubled its population to 2,300 persons over the last ten years. Burns Harbor continues evolving and celebrating its small-town American charm. For more information visit [www.burnsharbor-in.gov](http://www.burnsharbor-in.gov), like the Town of Burns Harbor Facebook page at [@burnsharborindiana](https://www.facebook.com/burnsharborindiana) or follow us on Twitter [@BurnsHarborIN](https://twitter.com/BurnsHarborIN).