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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Burns Harbor will revise the Proposed Zoning Ordinance for considering Data Center Use

BURNS HARBOR, Ind. – The Town of Burns Harbor will continue deliberating on the establishment of a new Special District for Data Center Use by addressing key concerns raised by officials, residents and the prospective developer over recent weeks.

“Burns Harbor remains committed to the Town’s process for land use planning and economic growth alongside public input on quality-of-life impacts.” said Town Council President Jennifer McHargue.

On August 5, 2024, the Burns Harbor Plan Commission held a public hearing for a proposed Zoning Ordinance for Special District 8 - Technology Use Special District. The consideration of the zoning ordinance was part of a Petition by Provident Realty Advisors, Inc, a Dallas, TX-based real estate development firm. Provident Realty Advisors is interested in developing a data center campus on a 100-acre site owned by Worthington Steel. A second Petition for Rezoning the Site to that Special District Use was not heard.

Since August, members of the public remonstrated aspects of the proposed zoning ordinance such as height, setback, noise, residential and other data center-related concerns. Both the Town of Burns Harbor and Provident Realty Advisors have been listening to residents and taking public concerns under advisement.

Provident Realty Advisors, Inc., through local counsel Todd Leeth, withdrew the June 28, 2024-filed Petitions by a letter to the Town dated October 2, 2024. Provident Realty Advisors “will modify its plans and will incorporate additional terms in their Petitions and respond to concerns which have been brought to light during recent public meetings.”

Therefore, the Burns Harbor Plan Commission will not hold a Public Hearing on the Zoning District scheduled for Monday, October 7, 2024. The Plan Commission amended its meeting agenda to reflect this change, www.burnsharbor-in.gov/AgendaCenter/Plan-Commission-4.

The Plan Commission will still meet on October 7th at 6:00 P.M. in the Burns Harbor Fire Station, 308 Navajo Trail, Burns Harbor, IN 46304.

The Town of Burns Harbor Plan Commission meets on the first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. The Town of Burns Harbor Town Council meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The Town's monthly meetings will be held at the Burns Harbor Fire Station while the Town Hall Council Chamber Room is closed for maintenance.

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, like the Town of Burns Harbor Facebook page at @burnsharborindiana or follow us on Twitter @BurnsHarborIN.