

# Public Statement of the Village of Mount Orab, Ohio

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Over the past several weeks, the possible development of the industrially zoned area on the eastern edge of Mount Orab has sparked public discourse in our community. All of Village Council is committed to acting in the best interests of our community. Each member has the same vested interest in the Village's health and prosperity.

Much concern has been expressed over Village representatives entering into non-disclosure agreements (NDAs) with the party interested in developing the mega-site property. NDAs are standard practice and allow for companies and communities to evaluate one another and the merits of a proposed project in private **before** final decisions are made by either party. With five new Council members, the majority of Council has only recently learned details of the proposed project. We expect to learn more details about the proposed project in the coming months. **Only after** we have more information will the Village consider any zoning, infrastructure connections, or incentive approvals for the project. Those actions would occur in a public meeting.

We understand frustrations about a lack of information that can be shared, but at this time, it is out of our control. We hope more information will be made available to us to be shared in the future.

The Village is committed to, and required to, review any development proposal the same as it would for any other property in the Village. The Village's zoning code and other land use regulations spell out those processes. We do expect the company will request Village actions to support the project at some point in the future, but that timetable is not known to the Village at this time. When the time comes, we will evaluate the benefits and costs from a public policy lens.

Tonight, a moratorium on the development of data centers in the Village is up for a second reading. Although a final vote will not occur on that matter until the third reading in regular meeting, we urge patience and a willingness to listen to the merits of all sides when more information can be shared – just like we have and will continue listen to citizens with questions and concerns about the project.

We, as Council members, are elected representatives of the whole community and we are charged with being good stewards of our community. We are striving to do that. We ask for your patience and understanding through this process.