

# The City's Role in the Proposed Data Center

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## Why Is the City Providing This Information?

The City of Trent recognizes that residents have questions about the proposed data center near our community. This document explains the City's role and authority regarding the proposed project.

The goal is to provide factual information about what the City can and cannot do under current law.

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## Is the Proposed Data Center Located Inside the City Limits?

Based on the information currently available to the City, the proposed project is **not located within the corporate limits of the City of Trent**.

Because the proposed location is outside the City limits, the City does not have the legal authority to approve, deny, or regulate the construction of the project.

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## Who Has Authority Over the Project?

Projects located outside the City limits may involve several governmental agencies depending on the specific circumstances of the development.

Depending on the project, those agencies may include:

- County government
- State agencies

- Utility providers
- Environmental regulatory agencies
- Other organizations with legal jurisdiction

The specific permits, approvals, and regulatory requirements depend on the final design and location of the project.

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## **What Role Does the City Have?**

At this time, the City's only potential involvement relates to a possible request for water service.

No decision has been made regarding water service.

If a request is submitted, it will be considered by the City Council using the same process applied to any other major infrastructure request, including engineering review, legal requirements, system capacity, and the best interests of the City and its residents.

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## **Is the Project Approved?**

To the City's knowledge, no final announcement has been made regarding whether the proposed project will move forward as discussed.

As additional verified information becomes available, the City will update the Community Information section of the City website.

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## **Why Doesn't the City Have More Information?**

Large development projects often evolve over time.

Information may change as engineering studies, land agreements, permitting, and other planning activities continue.

For that reason, the City will only publish information that has been verified and will avoid speculation or sharing rumors.

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## **Where Should Residents Get Information?**

The City encourages residents to obtain information from reliable sources.

Questions about the City's role may be directed to City Hall or discussed during public City Council meetings.

Questions regarding matters outside the City's authority should be directed to the appropriate agency or organization responsible for that portion of the project.

The City encourages residents to rely on verified information rather than rumors or speculation shared through social media.

Residents are encouraged to check the Community Information section of the City website regularly, as new verified information will be added as it becomes available.

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## **Sources and Additional Information**

The following resources provide additional information about local government responsibilities and public information in Texas.

- Texas Local Government Code
- Texas Open Meetings Act
- Texas Public Information Act
- City of Trent – Official Statement Regarding the Proposed Data Center (July 16, 2026)

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