Cities, Counties, and States Standing Up to Data Centers

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Permanent city and county bans on data centers (does not include temporary moratoriums):

Monterey Park, CA (in LA County)	June 2026, first banned April 20, 2026	Public vote won by 86%. City council put the measure on the ballot. Actual resolution to put it on the ballot. Amends general plan
Coachella, CA	August 12, 2026 initial approval	Final vote August 26, 2026. City zoning ordinance ban. Actual ordinance from August 12, 2026
San Marcos, Texas	June 2026	City council vote 4-3, changed city zoning laws. They changed their 'Land Use Matrix' to make data centers a non-permitted use. They already had a moratorium and other regulations.
Alhambra, CA	June 22, 2026 city ordinance Ordinance O2M26-4863, adopted June 22, 2026, created a Data Centers use classification and marked it "not allowed" in both employment zones, PO and I. No other zone lists the use, so it is barred everywhere. July 14 2026	City council approved, will be on the November 2026 ballot. Charter amendment. City municipal code already updated to ban new data centers. As of June 22, Alhambra prohibits data centers in their employment zoning districts and does not list them as permitted uses in other city zones.
Harford County, Maryland	June 10, 2026	First county to ban data centers, super simple text.
Butte County, South Dakota	June 2, 2026	Initiated Measure A requires the county commission to pass an ordinance prohibiting data centers in Butte County. It passed with 78% of the vote.

State-wide data center moratoriums:

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