



## City of Plantersville

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Dear Judge Fauth and Commissioners,

On behalf of the City of Plantersville, I am writing to formally express serious concerns regarding the increasing number of large-scale energy and data infrastructure developments in Grimes County.

### **Specifically, the City is concerned with:**

- The proposed “Powered Data Park” near FM 1696
- Redevelopment of the Gibbons Creek site
- Multiple battery storage and solar projects across the region

While each project individually may appear manageable, **the cumulative impact of these developments is substantial and cannot be evaluated in isolation.**

### **The Key Concerns:**

#### **Regional Infrastructure Impact**

These projects are expected to significantly increase heavy truck traffic, equipment transport, and long-term service demands on rural roadways not designed for industrial-scale use.

#### **Drainage and Environmental Impact**

Large-scale land disturbance and impervious cover may alter natural drainage patterns and increase flood risks downstream. The light and noise pollution with massive water requirements draining the natural resources.

#### **Public Safety Capacity**

Emergency response capabilities in rural areas are limited and not structured to support industrial-scale facilities requiring specialized response.

#### **Industrialization of Rural Areas**

The scale of these projects represents a fundamental shift in land use that warrants careful regional consideration.

The City respectfully requests:

- 1. A coordinated regional impact study**
- 2. Delay of approvals until full evaluation is completed**
- 3. Formal coordination with affected municipalities and unincorporated areas of Grimes County**

The City of Plantersville supports responsible growth—but growth of this magnitude must be carefully planned, coordinated, and transparent.

Respectfully

  
Kimberly Allphin, Mayor

## RESOLUTION NUMBER 63 2026

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PLANTERSVILLE, TEXAS, EXPRESSING FORMAL CONCERN AND OPPOSITION TO LARGE-SCALE ENERGY, DATA CENTER, AND INDUSTRIAL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENTS IN GRIMES COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the City of Plantersville is a Type B General Law Municipality in Grimes County, Texas; and

WHEREAS, multiple large-scale developments have been proposed or initiated in Grimes County and surrounding regions, including:

- A proposed “Powered Data Park”
- Redevelopment of the former Gibbons Creek power facility
- Multiple battery storage and solar generation projects

WHEREAS, these large-scale developments have the potential to place extraordinary demands on local infrastructure and resources. They may significantly increase power consumption on existing electrical grids and require vast quantities of water, potentially impacting millions of gallons from natural reserves and state aquifers. Additionally, such projects can elevate flooding and drainage risks due to changes in land use and water management. The increased levels of resource consumption, along with added pressure on emergency services—including fire response and hazardous materials management—raise important concerns for the safety and preparedness of the community.

WHEREAS, the cumulative effect of these developments poses substantial challenges. These include potential strains on existing infrastructure, negative impacts on environmental conditions, and heightened risks to public safety. Each of these concerns warrants careful consideration and coordinated planning to ensure the well-being and sustainability of Plantersville and the surrounding areas.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

#### **Section 1.**

**The City of Plantersville formally expresses concern and opposition to the scale, intensity, and cumulative impact of these developments in their current form.**

#### **Section 2.**

**The City of Plantersville requests that Grimes County Officials require:**

- **Comprehensive regional traffic impact analysis**
- **Drainage and watershed impact studies**
- **Emergency services and infrastructure capacity assessments**
- **Public transparency and coordinated planning**


#### **Section 3.**

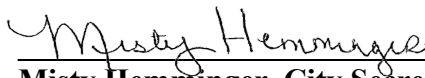
**The City Plantersville strongly encourages a regional planning approach due to the cumulative nature of these projects.**

#### **Section 4.**

**The Mayor is authorized to submit formal protest correspondence for the City of Plantersville, Texas.**

PASSED AND APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 4 "AYES" FOR AND 0 "NAYS" AGAINST  
BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PLANTERSVILLE, TEXAS ON THE  
20<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2026.

APPROVED:   
Kimberly Allphin, Mayor

ATTEST:   
Misty Hemminger, City Secretary