

**17.03.103 Cryptocurrency mining and data centers.**

All cryptocurrency mining and data center operations are allowed in commercial and industrial zones. They are prohibited in all residential and mixed residential commercial zones and shall meet the following standards unless otherwise regulated within this code:

(A) Applications for a business license shall be processed as a Type I administrative review under CMC 17.09.050. A change of occupancy may be required and will be processed as a Type I administrative review under CMC 17.09.050.

(B) The use of cargo containers, railroad cars, semi-truck trailers and other similar storage containers for any component of the operation is strictly prohibited.

(C) Prior to approving the business license, the applicant shall provide written verification from the Lewis County Public Utility District (PUD) stating the following:

(1) Adequate capacity is available on the applicable supply lines and substation to ensure that the capacity available to serve the other needs of the planning area is consistent with the normal projected load growth envisioned by the PUD.

(2) Utility supply equipment and related electrical infrastructure are sufficiently sized and can safely accommodate the proposed use.

(3) The use will not cause electrical interference or fluctuations in line voltage on and off the operating premises.

(D) Prior to any cryptocurrency mining, a copy of the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries electrical permit and written verification that the electrical work has passed a final inspection shall be provided to the city and the PUD.

(E) Data centers and cryptocurrency mining operations shall not occupy the grade level commercial street frontage to a depth of 50 feet from the front property line, except within the industrial zoning district.

(F) All cryptocurrency mining and data center operations, including all ancillary equipment/operations for purposes such as cooling, shall be designed, constructed, operated, and maintained so as not to cause the dissemination of dust, smoke, glare, heat, vibration, or noise in excess of the maximum environmental noise level established by Chapter 173-60 WAC beyond the property line or affecting adjacent buildings. Violation of these established noise levels will result in revocation of a city business license pursuant to Chapter 5.04 CMC and any other applicable penalties.

(G) The project proponent shall provide to the city within 30 days of commencing operations an affidavit that includes the following information:

(1) Name and qualifications of the person who measured the decibel levels.

(2) Equipment used.

(3) Location of the noise measurements depicted on a scaled site plan. The points of measurement shall be at all property lines and generally at the points on those property lines most susceptible to noise from the applicable equipment.

(4) Decibel levels measured at each property line.

(5) A description of the operating conditions of the applicable equipment when the measurements were taken.

(6) Time and duration of measurements.

(7) A statement attesting to the accuracy of the information provided and a guarantee that the project proponent will not run their equipment at a more intense or noisier state than when they made the measurements.

The city reserves the right to require independent verification of noise measurements and/or to request additional measurements at different points on the property. All measurements must comply with the noise levels established in Chapter 173-60 WAC.