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City of Racine Reaffirms Commitment to Transparency in Release of Microsoft Data Center Records

Racine, WI – The City of Racine has released records related to projected water usage at the Microsoft data center in Mount Pleasant, underscoring its commitment to open and transparent government. These records were released in response to a public records request submitted earlier this year.

The request required additional review while the City worked with Microsoft and associated parties to ensure that the release of information would not violate contractual agreements. This due diligence caused a delay; however, the City prioritized both the responsible handling of sensitive information and the ultimate goal of full transparency.

Mayor Cory Mason stated:

“Open and transparent government is not optional; it is essential to public trust. While we needed time to ensure that we handled this request responsibly and in compliance with legal agreements, we believe transparency is paramount. The information has been released, and we remain committed to making all relevant government records accessible so our community can see how decisions are made and resources are used.”

The records were provided to the original requester, Midwest Environmental Advocates, on behalf of Milwaukee Riverkeeper, and are available to any member of the public upon request.

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Racine, Wisconsin, is a thriving city located on Lake Michigan with a rich history and diverse population of about 78,000. Known for its historic downtown, award-winning architecture, top freshwater beach, strong community, and notable contributions to history and innovation, Racine is a wonderful place to live, work, and explore. From its progressive history as part of the Underground Railroad to its status as the Kringle Capital of America, there's always something new to discover in Racine.