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Microsoft announced they will no longer support Windows7 after January 14, 2020. This means:

- No technical help
- No updates
- No security fixes – leaving you at higher risk of being targeted by hackers

If your city has computers that run the operating system Windows7, it is advised to plan and upgrade them to Windows10 before the January cutoff. This includes equipment running SCADA, finance, utility – keep in mind a Windows7 computer connected to your network will most likely be the weakest link for cybersecurity hacks after the January cutoff.

The Windows7 system will continue to run, but will no longer receive Windows updates including security fixes. It is not uncommon for hackers to know when a software end of life hits, and then wait until after that date to find ways to exploit vulnerable systems.

I am happy to visit with you about your upgrade initiatives. Please email or give me a call!

Mel.

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