



MEMORANDUM

To: Saint Anthony Village City Council
From: Charlie Yunker, City Manager
Date: February 10, 2026
Request: Authorize Use of Funds to Respond to Impacts from Federal Immigration Enforcement During Operation Metro Surge

BACKGROUND

On February 4, 2026, the City Council held a Special Work Session to discuss various topics pertaining to Federal Immigration Enforcement. From the Special Work Session, Staff received guidance from Council to proceed with process to authorize use of funds related to vehicle towing and storage.

As a result of federal agent actions, there have been reports of an increase in abandoned cars in public right-of-way. Leaving abandoned vehicles within the right-of-way will adversely impact the traffic safety and snow plowing. Considerations to waiving towing and towing storage fees have been proposed as a measure to avoid adding additional financial and logistical burdens on targeted individuals and families.

The resolution would authorize staff to allocate up to \$15,000 to subsidize vehicle towing and storage fees as an impact of Operation Metro Surge. The funds will be administered by Staff to distribute funds to Saint Anthony residents whose vehicles were abandoned in the City and subsequently towed as the result of a confrontation with Federal agents during Operation Metro Surge.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve Resolution 26-020 to authorize the use of \$15,000 to subsidize towing and storage fees for residents targeted during Operation Metro Surge.

ATTACHMENTS

- Resolution 26-020