

**CITY OF SAINT ANTHONY VILLAGE
RESOLUTION 26-019**

**A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING COUNCIL STANCE ON COMMUNITY SAFETY,
INCLUSION AND IMMIGRATION**

WHEREAS, The City of Saint Anthony Village is a diverse and welcoming community whose residents include immigrants, refugees, longtime residents, workers, students, families, and business owners who contribute to the social, cultural, and economic life of the city; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that the recent, verifiable, visible increase in federal immigration enforcement practices have generated fear and anxiety in the community, and have led to observable community impacts such as decreased school attendance, disruption of daily activities and work attendance, and heightened concern for the personal safety of individuals and families, including children; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Anthony Village recognizes that the United States federal government is responsible for enforcing federal civil immigration laws, but also affirms that public safety is best served through transparency, accountability, and trust between residents and those exercising law-enforcement authority; and.

WHEREAS, fear, uncertainty, and the perception of unchecked or unclear federal enforcement activity can undermine public safety, discourage cooperation with public safety and emergency responders, deter residents from accessing critical public services, and erode trust in government institutions; and

WHEREAS, the City has an obligation to safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of all residents and to speak clearly when conditions arise that threaten community stability, even where our direct regulatory authority is limited.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of City of Saint Anthony Village, Minnesota:

1. Formally acknowledges the fear and disruption being experienced by residents because of increased federal immigration enforcement activity within the community and affirms its commitment to the safety and dignity of all who live and work in Saint Anthony Village.

2. Urges federal immigration authorities operating within Saint Anthony Village to conduct any enforcement activities in a manner that prioritizes transparency, clear identification, and de-escalation, and that minimizes unnecessary fear or disruption to the public.
3. Directs the Mayor and City Manager to communicate with Governor Tim Walz and appropriate State of Minnesota officials to request consideration of a temporary, statewide moratorium on residential evictions for households that have experienced substantial financial hardship associated with the recent surge in federal immigration enforcement activity.
4. Affirms that city staff will continue to provide residents with public information regarding available community resources related to their rights, and appropriate points of contact for public safety concerns, in coordination with trusted local and state organizations where appropriate.
5. Affirms the St. Anthony Police Department (SAPD) will continue to uphold the philosophy of community based policing and operate under SAPD Policy Manual, Policy 413 and will not engage in federal immigration enforcement activities except as legally required.
6. Does not purport to regulate or restrict federal authority, but rather to formally communicate the City's position and the impacts being experienced locally, and affirms its commitment to the ethical treatment of all residents and visitors in the provision of City services and access to City services, regardless of immigration status or national origin.

Approved this 10th day of February, 2026.

Wendy Webster, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Nicole DeDeyn, City Clerk

Review for Administration:

Charlie Yunker, City Manager