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Ord 26-5 – Prohibiting Law Enforcement Staging on City-owned Property

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Overview of Ord 26-5 – Summary

- Adds Ch. 268 to the Legislative Code – as a legislative ordinance
- **Prohibits law enforcement staging on city-owned properties and limits access to non-public city spaces.**
- **Clarifies that City employees may not permit any access to city-owned or city-controlled property except when required by a signed warrant.**



Overview of Ord 26-5 – Definitions

- Defines two terms –
 - **“Enforcing federal immigration laws”** means any and all efforts by a law enforcement agency to investigate or penalize a person’s presence in, entry, or re-entry to, or employment in the United States
 - **“Staging area”** means an area used to “assemble, mobilize, coordinate, and/or deploy vehicles, equipment, or materials, and related personnel, for the purpose of carrying out operations for the enforcement of federal immigration laws.”



Overview of Ord 26-5: Access Prohibited

- City-owned or city-controlled **parking lots, ramps, vacant lots, and garages are not open to the general public.**
- No **federal, state, or local government entity or personnel** may use any city-owned or city-controlled parking lot or ramp, vacant lot, or garage as a staging area, processing location, operations base, or any other similar use for **enforcing federal immigration laws.**
- City officials **may not consent or authorize any access to city-owned or city-controlled property** except when **required by a signed judicial warrant.**



Overview of Ord 26-5: Non-public city spaces

- Areas owned or controlled by the city that are not accessible to the general public, including **bathrooms, restricted areas requiring badge access, workstations, breakrooms, storage closets, and employee-only areas..**
- Access to these non-public city spaces are not open for purposes of **enforcing federal immigration laws.**
- City employees **do not have the legal authority** to **consent or permit access** to these spaces in situations where a warrant would otherwise be needed.



Questions?