

RESOLUTION NO. 25-39

A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING OREGON CITY'S COMMITMENT TO THE SAFETY AND DIGNITY OF IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND REAFFIRMING COMPLIANCE WITH OREGON SANCTUARY LAWS

WHEREAS, Oregon City is home to a vibrant immigrant community including many families who contribute to the cultural, economic and social fabric of the City; and

WHEREAS, Oregon City recognizes and values the diverse contributions of all individuals and is committed to upholding the dignity and respect of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, ethnicity, immigration or refugee status, heritage, culture, religion, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, ability, age, immigration or housing status, or economic status; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission recognizes that trust between immigrant residents and local government is essential to public safety and to the effective and equitable delivery of city services; and

WHEREAS, Oregon became the first Sanctuary State in 1987 and has continued to strengthen its sanctuary laws, most recently through the 2021 Sanctuary Promise Act (HB 3265), which reinforces Oregon's commitment to protecting immigrant and refugee communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oregon City has and will continue to comply with Oregon state law, including ORS 181A.820 through ORS 181A.829, which prohibits denying services based on an individual's immigration status, collecting information concerning an individual's citizenship status, using public resources to assist federal immigration enforcement, or otherwise providing information to federal immigration enforcement, except as required by a valid judicial warrant; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission acknowledges that federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) actions have caused fear and harm in immigrant communities throughout the United States and Oregon City; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission affirms that all residents should feel safe accessing emergency services, reporting crimes, attending school, seeking medical care, and participating in civic life regardless of race, ethnicity, place of origin, or immigration status; and

WHEREAS, the values of Oregon City include fairness, dignity, and the protection of due process for all residents, and the City Commission seeks to support a welcoming environment for all who live, work, or visit the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF OREGON CITY:

Section 1. The City of Oregon City reaffirms its commitment to the safety, dignity, and rights of immigrant community members.

Section 2. The City of Oregon City declares it a policy of the City that the personnel and resources of the City of Oregon City shall prioritize the enforcement of City of Oregon City ordinances and Oregon laws and that all City officials, including law enforcement officers, shall strive to protect the rights of individuals as guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution and the Oregon Constitution.

Section 3. The City of Oregon City reaffirms that no City funds, personnel, equipment, or facilities shall be used for federal civil immigration enforcement except as required by a valid judicial warrant.

Section 4. The City of Oregon City reaffirms that City departments and personnel shall not inquire into immigration status, shall not share immigration-related information except as required by law, and shall not detain or prolong detention of individuals based solely on immigration status; and directs the City Manager to ensure that City policies, procedures, and staff training remain in full compliance with Oregon's Sanctuary Laws and the commitments set forth in this Resolution.

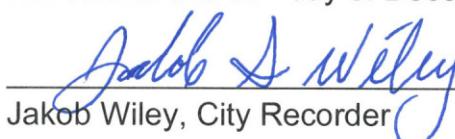
Approved and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Commission held on the 17th day of December, 2025.


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