

**CITY OF ROCKLAND, MAINE**

**ORDER #90**

**IN CITY COUNCIL**

November 17, 2025

**ORDER** Directing the City Manager to Implement Policies Limiting Local Involvement in Federal Immigration Enforcement

**WHEREAS**, the City of Rockland is a welcoming and inclusive community that values the dignity, safety, and rights of all residents and visitors, regardless of race, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, or immigration status; and

**WHEREAS**, the strength, vitality, and economic success of Rockland are rooted in the diversity of its people; and

**WHEREAS**, enforcement of federal immigration law is the responsibility of federal authorities, and local governments and employees have no independent authority to engage in or initiate immigration enforcement actions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rockland City Council seeks to ensure that local resources are devoted to community safety, public trust, and the protection of residents' rights, and not to the enforcement of federal immigration laws; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council recognizes that the City Manager is responsible for the administration of City departments and for ensuring that municipal practices comply with state and federal law;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Policy Implementation**

The City Manager is hereby directed to implement and maintain administrative policies ensuring that City resources, personnel, and facilities are devoted to local public safety, health, and welfare priorities, and not to the enforcement of federal civil immigration law, except as required by state or federal law or by court order.

**Section 2. Departmental Practices**

The City Manager shall ensure, through departmental policies, procedures, and training, that:

a. City departments and personnel do not participate in federal immigration enforcement operations, except where required by law or judicial order.

b. City facilities, funds, equipment, and databases are not used for the purpose of federal civil immigration enforcement operations, except as legally required.

c. City personnel do not inquire into a person's immigration or citizenship status unless such inquiry is required by state or federal law, court order, or is directly relevant to the provision of City services or the investigation of a serious criminal offense.

d. Information collected or maintained by City departments is protected in accordance with applicable law and privacy policies, and is not shared with federal immigration authorities except as required by law.

e. Unless presented with a valid and properly issued judicial warrant, or as part of the Rockland Police Department's investigation of a serious crime such as human trafficking, sex trafficking, drug trafficking, or firearms trafficking, employees do not:

1. Permit Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") or Customs and Border Protection ("CBP") agents to access a person being detained by, or in the custody of, the Rockland Police Department;
2. Transfer any person into ICE or CBP custody;
3. Permit ICE or CBP agents to use City facilities, information, or equipment (including electronic databases) for investigative interviews or other purposes related to immigration enforcement operations; or
4. Expend time or resources to respond to immigration-related ICE or CBP inquiries or communicate with ICE or CBP regarding a person's custody status, home address, work address, or other personal information, except as required by law.

### **Section 3. Federal and Constitutional Compliance**

Nothing in this Order shall be construed to prohibit or restrict any communication or exchange of information with federal immigration authorities regarding the citizenship or immigration status, lawful or unlawful, of any individual, as provided under 8 U.S.C. §§ 1373 and 1644, provided such provisions are applied consistent with the Tenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and other applicable law.

### **Section 4. Review and Reporting**

The City Manager shall review current departmental policies and practices for consistency with this Order and shall provide a summary report to the City Council within a reasonable period following adoption.

**AND, BE IT FURTHER ORDERED** that this Council Order shall take effect immediately upon passage and shall remain in effect unless amended or repealed by the City Council.

Sponsor: Councilor Lachman  
Originator: Councilor Lachman

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