

Resident Proposed Policy on Public Safety, Community Trust, and Immigration Enforcement

Purpose

Public safety depends on trust, and the City of Lathrup Village is committed to ensuring all residents feel safe engaging with local law enforcement. This policy defines the City's role and sets clear expectations for interactions with federal immigration authorities.

1. Role of Local Law Enforcement

The Lathrup Village Police Department enforces local and state law. It does not enforce federal immigration law.

Officers shall not:

- ask about immigration status as part of routine policing
- detain an individual solely for suspected immigration violation

2. Cooperation with Federal Immigration Authorities

The City will not use local resources to support federal immigration enforcement except as required by law.

- The City will not honor immigration detainer requests without a judicial warrant
- The City will not provide advance notice of release from Lathrup Village custody solely for immigration enforcement purposes
- The City does not participate in federal immigration enforcement programs, including 287(g)

3. Use of City Property and Resources

City property, equipment, and personnel shall not be used to support immigration enforcement activities except as required by law.

- Access to non-public areas of City facilities requires a valid judicial warrant
- City facilities shall not be used as staging areas for immigration enforcement activities, except as required by law

4. Detention and Use of External Holding Facilities

Lathrup Village does not operate its own jail and contracts with the City of Berkley for short-term holding, consistent with Section 5 of this policy.

- This policy governs Lathrup Village personnel and operations within Lathrup Village jurisdiction
- Once an individual is transferred to another jurisdiction's custody, that jurisdiction's policies apply

To support the intent of this policy:

- The City will coordinate with partner jurisdictions, including Berkley, to communicate Lathrup Village's expectations regarding limited involvement in federal immigration enforcement
- The City will request that partner jurisdictions avoid voluntary notification or reporting to federal immigration authorities unless required by law
- The City will periodically review intergovernmental arrangements to ensure alignment with this policy

5. Intergovernmental Agreements and Council Oversight

The City shall not enter into any agreement, contract, or operational arrangement related to detention, law enforcement cooperation, or the use of external holding facilities without:

- approval by City Council at a public meeting
- advance notice sufficient to allow for public awareness and input

Any proposed agreement shall clearly identify:

- roles and responsibilities of each party
- how detainees will be handled, including any interaction with federal immigration authorities
- how the agreement aligns with this policy

6. Commitment to Equal Service

All residents, regardless of immigration status, are entitled to City services and police protection.

- No person shall be denied service based on perceived or actual immigration status
- The City encourages all residents to report crimes, seek help, and cooperate with law enforcement

7. Training and Implementation

The Police Department shall provide training to ensure consistent implementation of this policy, including:

- interaction with federal agencies
- communication with residents regarding the City's role and limitations

8. Transparency

The City shall maintain a record of formal requests for assistance from federal immigration authorities received by Lathrup Village personnel and provide periodic summary reporting to Council.

9. Statement to the Community

In Lathrup Village, our police are here for public safety. They do not enforce immigration law. If you call for help, report a crime, or need assistance, your immigration status is not part of that interaction.

We do not hold people for immigration authorities without a judicial warrant, and we do not use City resources to support immigration enforcement beyond what the law requires.

If someone is arrested in Lathrup Village, they may be transferred to Berkley for holding. At that point, Berkley's policies apply. We are working with Berkley to align practices as much as possible and to limit unnecessary involvement in immigration enforcement.

Our goal is simple: everyone in our community should feel safe calling the police when they need help.