

State of Minnesota
County of Watonwan

RESOLUTION NO. 08.26.03

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ST. JAMES POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICY
REGARDING INTERACTIONS WITH OUTSIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES**

WHEREAS, the City of St. James is committed to fostering a safe, welcoming, and inclusive community where all residents and visitors are treated with dignity, fairness, and respect; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that effective public safety depends upon trust, transparency, and positive relationships between the community and law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. James recognizes the importance of maintaining professional and cooperative working relationships with local, county, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement agencies in order to protect public safety and effectively serve the community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to establish clear guiding principles governing the St. James Police Department's interactions with outside governmental law enforcement agencies while ensuring compliance with applicable federal, state, and local laws; and

WHEREAS, the City Council further recognizes that operational procedures necessary to implement departmental policies require flexibility to respond to evolving legal requirements, training standards, public safety needs, and law enforcement best practices; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police is responsible for the day-to-day administration and operation of the Police Department and is authorized to develop and maintain internal procedures consistent with adopted City policies.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ST. JAMES, MINNESOTA, that the City hereby adopts the St. James Police Department Policy regarding Interactions with Outside Law Enforcement Agencies.

Adopted by the City Council this 5th day of August 2026.

Christopher Whitehead, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kristin Hurley, City Clerk-Treasurer