

**Policy 7.3.32 Prohibiting Use of City Properties for Civil Immigration Enforcement Purposes and Related Policies to Provide Resources for City Property Owners, Businesses and Residents**

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**POLICY PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this policy is to reaffirm the City of Sunnyvale's commitment to the safety and well-being of all community members and clarify that federal civil immigration enforcement is a federal responsibility.

This policy establishes limitations on the use of City-owned or City-controlled property for civil immigration enforcement activities and provides guidance and informational resources for property owners, businesses, and residents.

**POLICY STATEMENT:**

1. Use of City Property

City-owned or City-controlled property shall not be used as a staging area, processing location, or operations base for civil immigration enforcement activities.

For purposes of this policy:

- A. Staging Area: A location used to assemble or deploy personnel, vehicles, or equipment for civil immigration enforcement operations.
- B. Processing Location: A location used to detain, process, or temporarily hold individuals related to civil immigration enforcement.
- C. Operations Base: A location used to coordinate or conduct civil immigration enforcement activities.

2. Implementation.

The City Manager shall implement this policy and may take administrative actions as necessary, including:

- A. Identifying City properties most likely to be used for civil immigration enforcement activities.
- B. Implementing reasonable physical access controls where appropriate to ensure City properties are used only for authorized purposes.
- C. Establishing procedures for City employees to report attempted or actual use of City property for civil immigration enforcement activities.

3. Limitations

This policy does not:

- A. Restrict the enforcement of criminal law or the execution of lawful judicial warrants.
- B. Modify or impair existing leases, licenses, or contractual agreements governing City property.
- C. Limit lawful uses of City property unrelated to civil immigration enforcement activities.
- D. Limit rights or obligations under state or federal law.

4. Resources for Property Owners, Businesses, and Residents

The City may provide informational resources to the public related to federal immigration enforcement activities, including:

A. County and Community Resources

The City will direct residents, businesses, and property owners to the Santa Clara County Office of Immigrant Relations (OIR) for additional support and up-to-date information. OIR connects individuals to trusted legal services, Know Your Rights resources, language access assistance, and community-based programs, and works with local organizations to promote inclusion, safety, and access to services.

B. Know Your Rights Materials

The City may make available public information resources regarding federal immigration enforcement activities consistent with California law and California Attorney General guidance.

5. Severability

If any portion of this policy is determined to be invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of the policy.

6. Implementation Authority

The City Manager shall administer this policy and may adopt administrative procedures necessary to implement it.

7. Review and Updates

This policy may be amended by the City Council via adoption of a resolution.

(Adopted: RTC 26-0156 and Resolution No. 1350-26 (4/7/2026))

Lead Department: Office of the City Manager