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RESOLUTION NO. 821

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HAMMOND COMMON COUNCIL
PROHIBITING THE UNCOORDINATED USE OF CITY PROPERTY FOR CIVIL
IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT STAGING AREAS, PROCESSING
LOCATIONS, OR OPERATIONS CENTERS**

WHEREAS, the City of Hammond as Lake County's largest and most diverse city is committed to ensuring the safety, dignity, and human rights of all residents, regardless of race, religion, immigration status, or national origin; and

WHEREAS, increased civil immigration and customs enforcement (ICE) activities have spread throughout the country and recently have reached Chicago and Northwest Indiana; and

WHEREAS, under the current administration these activities have become more aggressive and have undermined community trust, spread fear, and intimidated city residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hammond and its police department have had longstanding important collaborative relationships with county, state, and federal law enforcement partners that rely on communication between the agencies to best protect the officers, agents and the public while performing their duties; and

WHEREAS, last week, ICE agents, without any notice or coordination with the City of Hammond or the Hammond Police Department, attempted to use a city owned police parking lot for transportation of detainees and as a staging area for civil immigration enforcement actions; and

WHEREAS, the unauthorized and uncoordinated use of City resources, property, or personnel to facilitate civil immigration enforcement actions interferes with the City's authority over, and its use of, its own resources, property, and personnel; and

WHEREAS, the City's police and administration have built trust within the community and do not want to see that trust erode due to a misconception by the public that the city is coordinating with ICE or permitting ICE to use city property when no such coordination or permission exists.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Hammond hereby request that the Mayor and City prohibit the uncoordinated use of city property by immigration and customs enforcement (ICE) actions and not allow any city-owned and controlled parking lots, vacant lots, buildings to be used as a staging area, processing location, or operations base for ICE actions. This resolution does not restrict or interfere with the execution of lawful judicial warrants or the enforcement of criminal law by ICE or any other agency and does not apply to any property subject to an existing lease or other agreement for lawful use of city property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Hammond that this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Common Council, signing by the President thereof and approval by the Mayor.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED BY the Common Council of the City of Hammond, Indiana, this 14th day of October, 2025.



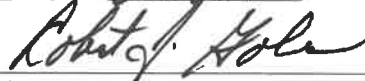
Dave Woerpel, President
Hammond Common Council

ATTEST:



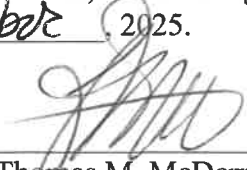
Robert J. Golec, City Clerk
City of Hammond, Indiana

PRESENTED BY ME, the undersigned City Clerk of the City of Hammond, Indiana, to the Mayor, for approval and signature, this 15th day of October, 2025.




Robert J. Golec, City Clerk
City of Hammond, Indiana

The foregoing Resolution No. R21 consisting of three (3) typewritten pages, including this page, was APPROVED AND SIGNED BY ME, the undersigned Mayor of the City of Hammond, Indiana, this 16th day of October, 2025.



Thomas M. McDermott, Jr., Mayor
City of Hammond, Indiana

PASSED by the Common Council on the 14th day of October, 2025 and Approved by the Mayor on the 16th day of October, 2025.



Robert J. Golec, City Clerk,
Hammond, Indiana