



PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF ARDEN HILLS, MINNESOTA

WHEREAS, one of the core values of the City of Arden Hills is to ensure the health, safety and well-being of all who live, work and play in the City. Yet, the increased level of federal immigration enforcement by ICE has created fear in the residents and business community within the borders of Arden Hills, which threatens this core value.

WHEREAS, the City stands with its residents, faith leaders, educators, businesses, and the countless community members who are acting every day to respond to these federal actions with courage and compassion. Arden Hills is committed to being a community where everyone feels safe and welcomed, regardless of immigration status.

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Arden Hills hereby makes the following:

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1. The City Council unequivocally condemns and denounces the unconstitutional actions taking place in Arden Hills, Minnesota, and across the nation regarding civil immigration enforcement.
2. The City has never assisted ICE with its enforcement activities and cannot and will not enforce civil immigration enforcement.
3. The City will ensure that its public buildings and public spaces will be used for a public purpose with proper permits, if required.
4. The City will ensure that ICE will not have access to nonpublic spaces in a city building without a judicial warrant or other legal authority.
5. The City will ensure that nonpublic data will not be shared with ICE without a judicial warrant or other legal authority.
6. The City will be transparent in the interactions the City has with ICE, disclosing the numbers and types of interactions it encounters, when possible.
7. The City will continue to provide community resources and information regarding support services, standing alongside all those who are negatively impacted by immigration enforcement within our community.

8. The City stands with all families and their right to feel safe in their homes, businesses and freedom to travel without fear of intimidation, threats of deportation, or detainment.
9. We are committed to working with trusted community partners, neighboring cities, the school districts and others to provide resources for housing support, food, and other programs and services to offer as many resources as possible for those feeling heightened stress and anxiety due to the ICE enforcement activities in the community.
10. We are committed to maintaining the public trust in local law enforcement and rebuilding the public trust with other law enforcement agencies.
11. The City Council urges all federal legislators to take action to require that civil immigration enforcement activities show the proper respect for human life, the Constitution and the public welfare of all human beings. We authorize the Mayor of Arden Hills to send a letter to the federal legislators who stand in a position of power and authority to take action against the immigration enforcement activities that are occurring in the State of Minnesota and around the country. This message will be seen and heard by those elected to sit in Washington D.C. on our behalf.

WE HEREBY FURTHER PROCLAIM that the City Council and City leadership will be vigilant in its commitment and support to providing a healthy and safe community for everyone that lives and breathes within the borders of Arden Hills.

Adopted this 9th of February, 2026

David Grant, Mayor

Brenda Holden, Councilmember

Emily Rousseau, Councilmember

Tena Monson, Councilmember

Kurt Weber, Councilmember