

# AGENDA ITEM – 3D



## MEMORANDUM

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**DATE:** March 9, 2026  
**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers  
**FROM:** Jessica Jagoe, City Administrator  
**SUBJECT:** Immigration Discussion

Budgeted Amount:	Actual Amount:	Funding Source:
N/A	N/A	N/A

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### Council Should Consider

Council should discuss topic areas below and provide direction to Staff on next steps.

### Background

At the February 9<sup>th</sup> Work Session, the City Council requested a recurring work session agenda item to allow for discussion on topics related to immigration enforcement. Below are topics that were mentioned at either the January 31<sup>st</sup> Special Work Session or the February 9<sup>th</sup> meetings for discussion by the City Council related to immigration enforcement. Council is asked to discuss the below list of topics and provide direction to Staff on next steps and/or removal of any particular topic(s) from the list and/or other topics that should be brought forward under this agenda item for future discussion.

- Utility Billing Late Fees  
At the February 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, staff was directed to bring forward the discussion on utility billing late fees. There are two types of late fees. As part of this discussion, Staff would need an understanding from the Council on one or both types of late fees to be waived and timing (i.e. when to start and when to stop). While there is an approximate amount budgeted, it is not part of the core utility revenues (less than 1% of total utility fund revenue). Staff anticipates the waiving of late fees to have a minimal fiscal impact, given the historical trend of penalty fees.

For accounts that are over 30 days past due, the City charges an 8% late penalty.

- **2025 Late Penalty Fees totaled \$18,633.53**, with approximately 45% coming from Commercial properties and 55% from Residential properties.
- A 4-year historical trend is provided below:

	2022	2023	2024	2025
8% Fee	\$ 45,417	\$ 49,889	\$ 47,832	\$ 18,634
% of Total Utility Revenue	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%	0.3%

*Note: 2025 figures represent a shift toward preventative account management. Staff focused on setting up sustainable payment plans early, which lowered total penalty collections but ensured more consistent payment of the core utility service fees.*

For accounts that are over 90 days past due, the City charges an 8% delinquent penalty that is certified to Ramsey County.

- **2025 Delinquent Fees totaled \$5,986.37.**
- A 4-year historical trend is provided below:

	2022	2023	2024	2025
8% Delinquent	\$ 6,049	\$ 6,645	\$ 6,500	\$ 5,986
% of Total Utility Revenue	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%

The City's next late fee penalties are scheduled as follows:

Quarterly Usage	Billing Date	30 Day Past Due (Late)	90 Day Past Due (Delinquent)
Q1-26	4/1/2026	5/1/2026	8/1/2026
Q2-26	7/1/2026	8/1/2026	11/1/2026
Q3-26	10/1/2026	11/1/2026	2/1/2027
Q4-26	1/1/2027	2/1/2027	5/1/2027

- *Cities for Safe and Stable Communities Coalition*

At the February 9<sup>th</sup> work session, the City Council discussed the Cities for Safe and Stable Communities Coalition. This is a nonpartisan coalition of city-led groups of Minnesota local governments coordinating around public safety, operational stability, and the local impacts of recent federal actions. In their statement, the coalition is asking federal and state elected officials for immediate de-escalation and acknowledgement of economic harms, including potential 2026 relief funds to cities. The coalition is focused on local governance, public safety, and effective intergovernmental coordination. Participation does not require lobbying, litigation, or public advocacy unless a city independently chooses to engage in those activities. Staff confirmed that the coalition is discussing lobbying efforts that would seek state funding for suburban communities impacted.

There is no cost to stay informed or engaged as an ally member. Cities that choose to formally join receive shared communications support and coalition infrastructure and are asked to contribute an amount determined by the Executive Committee. Joining as a full member has an initial estimated cost of \$2,000-\$5,000, with final fees determined by the number of cities participating in the coalition.

- *Letter to Governor Eviction Moratorium*

The request to send a letter to Governor Walz was one of many public suggestions from the January 31<sup>st</sup> Special Work Session. This item relates to the City Council's consideration of a resolution calling on Governor Walz to pass an Eviction and Foreclosure Moratorium through Executive Order. In reviewing this request, the City Attorney brought

forward an alternative consideration intended to have an immediate impact on ICE enforcement activities. At the February 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, the City Council adopted a Proclamation denouncing ICE enforcement activities and authorization for the Mayor to send a letter to federal legislators.

Other topics for further discussion

- *Use of City Property Policy/Ordinance (i.e. staging area)*
- *Sharing of Data Policy*
- *Human Rights Commission*
- *Community Space/Building Civic Connections*

### **Budget Impact**

N/A

### **Attachment**

Attachment A: Cities for Safe and Stable Communities – Press Release

Attachment B: Cities for Safe and Stable Communities – FAQ's

Attachment C: Cities for Safe and Stable Communities – Messaging Framework