



COUNCIL STATEMENT

SAINT ANTHONY VILLAGE COUNCIL STATEMENT ON COMMUNITY SAFETY, INCLUSION, AND IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT

Saint Anthony Village is committed to the safety, dignity, and equitable treatment of all residents, visitors, and businesses—regardless of national origin or immigration status. Our Police Department’s mission is to **preserve the peace and safety of the community by enforcing state and local laws** and by building trust through community-oriented policing. The Department’s policy manual and strategic plan are publicly available and guide our work with professionalism, transparency, and accountability.

Civil immigration enforcement is carried out by federal agencies. The City does not set or adjudicate federal immigration policy, and City personnel are focused on local public safety and services consistent with applicable law and City policy. Residents should feel safe calling 911 to report a crime, seek medical assistance, or request help during emergencies.

To promote clarity and access to accurate information, the City will maintain a website resource page that:

- Links to official “Know Your Rights” materials and guidance from trusted sources.
- Explains how families can locate someone in federal immigration custody using the official ICE Online Detainee Locator System (ODLS).
- Provides local non-profit legal and social service resources that serve immigrant and refugee communities across Minnesota.

This statement reflects our values of safety, inclusion, and lawful practice. It is intended to reduce misinformation, foster trust, and ensure residents can access reliable information—while recognizing the distinct roles of local and federal authorities.

*Note: Information offered by the City is general and **not legal advice**. Individuals should consult an attorney regarding their specific circumstances.*