



A Welcoming City

Keeping Newton Safe

Newton Welcoming City Ordinance – Passed by City Council in February 2017

- Ordinance affirms the City's commitment to making all residents, workers and visitors feel safe and secure regardless of immigration status

Mayor Laredo's Executive Order – Signed February 2026

- Amplifies City's dedication to welcoming, safe environment, maintaining public safety and keeping the peace in our city

The City May Not:

Ord. §2-402

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- (a) identify, investigate, arrest, detain a person solely on their immigration (or perceived) immigration status
 - (b) arrest or detain a person based on any immigration detainer, federal administrative warrant, or any other such order or request in any form whatsoever or otherwise honor any such detainer, warrant or request to detain, interview or transfer a person to federal authorities
 - (c) notify federal authorities about the release or pending release of any person for immigration purposes
 - (d) provide federal authorities with information about the upcoming release of a person in custody or the person's home or work address for immigration purposes
 - (e) cooperate with or enforce any federal program requiring the registration of individuals on the basis of religious affiliation or ethnic or national origin.

Limited Assistance to Federal Agencies

Ord. §2-403

NPD may detain or arrest an individual in cooperation with ICE who:

- has an outstanding criminal warrant,
- has a prior conviction for a serious violent felony,
- is being investigated for terrorism, or
- if there is a law enforcement or public safety purpose to do so that is not related to the enforcement of civil immigration law

Immigration Information

Ord. §2-404

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- The City does not request or maintain information about the citizenship or immigration status of any person unless required by state or federal law.
 - The City does not investigate or assist in the investigation of someone's citizenship or immigration status unless required by law.

Use of City Resources Prohibited

Ord. §2-405

City Resources may not be used*:

- to assist in the enforcement of federal civil immigration law
- to gather information regarding the citizenship or immigration status of any person

What are City Resources?

- City funds
- Personnel
- Equipment
- Facilities
- Property

Use of City Property Prohibited

Exec Order §2

City-owned or City-controlled property may NOT be used as:

- a staging area
- processing location,
- operations base, or
- any similar purpose

in furtherance of civil immigration enforcement operations.

Prohibited Uses of City Property

Exec Order §2

City-owned or City-controlled property may NOT be used for:

- assembling,
- mobilizing, or
- deploying personnel, vehicles, equipment, or materials

for the purpose of civil immigration enforcement.

Prohibited Access to City Property

Exec Order §3

- Civil immigration enforcement officials are not allowed into non-public spaces without a valid judicial warrant or court order.
- City buildings, including schools, libraries, and community centers are available to provide specific services to members of the public, and are to be accessed for those purposes only.

Commitment to Public Safety

Exec Order §1

NPD follows established protocols and long-standing practices to:

- ensure public safety in the City
- protect peaceful protests and protestors