

# Laws, Resolutions and Policies Instituted Across the U.S. Limiting Enforcement of Immigration Laws by Local Authorities

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<b>Alaska</b>		
Alaska State	House Joint Resolution 22 (5/03)	Establishes that state agencies and instrumentalities may not use state resources or institutions for the enforcement of federal immigration laws, which are the responsibility of the federal government. <a href="http://www.aclu.org/SafeandFree/SafeandFree.cfm?ID=12707&amp;c=207">www.aclu.org/SafeandFree/SafeandFree.cfm?ID=12707&amp;c=207</a>
Anchorage	Resolution No. 2003-223 (7/03)	Resolves that agencies and instrumentalities of the municipality may not use municipal resources or institutions for the enforcement of federal immigration laws. <a href="http://www.aclu.org/SafeandFree/SafeandFree.cfm?ID=13141&amp;c=207">www.aclu.org/SafeandFree/SafeandFree.cfm?ID=13141&amp;c=207</a>
Fairbanks	City Council Resolution No. 4036 (5/03)	Forbids, in the absence of probable cause of criminal activity, the enforcement of immigration matters. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• States that no city service will be denied on the basis of citizenship.</li> </ul> <a href="http://www.aclu.org/SafeandFree/SafeandFree.cfm?ID=11549&amp;c=207">www.aclu.org/SafeandFree/SafeandFree.cfm?ID=11549&amp;c=207</a>
Sitka	City and Borough Resolution No. 03-886 (9/03)	Reaffirms that it is the City and Borough of Sitka's policy to not use its resources or institutions for the enforcement of federal immigration matters, which are the responsibility of the federal government. <a href="http://www.aclu.org/SafeandFree/SafeandFree.cfm?ID=13890&amp;c=207">www.aclu.org/SafeandFree/SafeandFree.cfm?ID=13890&amp;c=207</a>
<b>Arizona</b>		
Chandler	Police Dept. General Order	Prohibits arrest when the only violation is infraction of immigration law and prohibits INS notification of undocumented persons who are material witnesses of crime, are seeking medical treatment, or are involved in family disturbances, minor traffic offenses, or minor misdemeanors.
<b>California</b>		
Fresno	Police Dept. General Order (7/03)	Prohibits police officers from calling, collaborating, denouncing, or transporting undocumented immigrants to the INS or Office of Border Patrol when such undocumented immigrants have been detained for a minor infraction.
Los Angeles	Special Order 40 (11/79, <i>currently being revised</i> )	Prohibits Police Department from initiating police action with the objective of discovering the immigration status of a person and from enforcing immigration law. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishes equal enforcement of the law and service to the public, regardless of immigration status.</li> </ul>
San Diego	Police Dept. Procedure	States that police is to not look for violations of immigration law and prohibits INS involvement with undocumented persons when they are material witnesses of crime, have family disturbances, or minor traffic offenses or when they seek medical treatment.

San Diego	City of San Diego's Human Relations Commission Resolution (7/03)	Opposes measures that single out individuals for legal scrutiny or enforcement activity based solely on their country of origin, religion, ethnicity, or immigration status. <a href="http://www.sdbillofrights.org/resolution.html">www.sdbillofrights.org/resolution.html</a>
San Francisco	Ordinance (in Administrative Code Ch. 12H) (1989 revised in 1993).	Prohibits departments, agencies, commissions, officers, or employees from using City funds or resources to assist in the enforcement of federal immigration law, or to gather or disseminate information regarding immigration status unless required by law. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Instructs officers that they cannot inquire about immigration status unless the individual is arrested on drug or felony charges.</li> </ul> <a href="http://www.amlegal.com/sfadmin_nxt/gateway.dll?f=templates&amp;fn=default.htm&amp;vid=alp:sf_admin">www.amlegal.com/sfadmin_nxt/gateway.dll?f=templates&amp;fn=default.htm&amp;vid=alp:sf_admin</a> → Click on "San Francisco Administrative Code" folder → Click on "Chapter 12H"
San Francisco	City and County of San Francisco, Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 389-02 (6/02)	Urges the San Francisco Chief of Police to issue a written directive to all local law enforcement officials reminding them of the City Ordinance against enforcing immigration law.
San Rafael	City Council Resolution No. 11418 (9/03)	Opposes any amendments to the USA PATRIOT Act or other federal regulations that would compel local law enforcement to enforce federal immigration law. <a href="http://www.aclu.org/SafeandFree/SafeandFree.cfm?ID=13715&amp;c=207">www.aclu.org/SafeandFree/SafeandFree.cfm?ID=13715&amp;c=207</a>
Sonoma County	Sheriff's Dept. General Order 5-20 (12/98)	Prohibits the Sheriff's Department from arresting, detaining, interrogating, or attempting to detect a person solely to ascertain their immigration status. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allows Sheriff to assist in the investigation of undocumented immigrants only when criminal activity is involved.</li> <li>Prohibits the questioning of victims or complainants about their immigration status.</li> </ul>
Watsonville	City Council Resolution (4/04)	Opposes enactment of the CLEAR Act, the Homeland Security Enhancement Act, and any other such legislation that encourages state and local police officers to enforce civil federal immigration laws. <a href="http://www.ci.watsonville.ca.us/agendas/040427/cc%20040427%20Packet.pdf">www.ci.watsonville.ca.us/agendas/040427/cc%20040427%20Packet.pdf</a> (see pp. 126-130)

**Colorado**

Boulder	City Resolution <i>(pending)</i>	Declares that the City opposed the enactment of the CLEAR Act.
Durango	City Council Resolution (7/04)	Re-affirms that the City will not use city resources to identify or turn over undocumented immigrants to federal officials unless they have committed a crime.

<b>District of Columbia</b>		
District of Columbia	General Order 201.26 (1984, reaffirmed by Memorandum 84-41, 7/03)	<p>Prohibits officers from making inquiries into immigration status for the purpose of determining whether an individual has violated civil immigration law, and prohibits the enforcement of immigration law.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allows inquiries into immigration status only when officers are investigating crimes involving the criminal smuggling and harboring of immigrants, and other crimes that have as an element of the crime the illegality of a person's presence in the U.S.</li> <li>Prohibits officers from running database inquiries (e.g. NCIC database checks) solely for the purpose of inquiring about immigration status.</li> </ul> <p><a href="http://mpdc.dc.gov/news/stmts/2003/07/072803.shtm">http://mpdc.dc.gov/news/stmts/2003/07/072803.shtm</a></p>
<b>Idaho</b>		
Boise	Police Department Police & Procedures Manual, 3rd edition (11/03)	<p>Establishes that Boise police officers "will not stop, detain, question, or arrest any person solely on the basis that the individual might have unlawfully entered this country or exceeded his/her authorization to remain in the United States."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides exemption when "the officer has knowledge that a civil or criminal arrest warrant for an immigration violation exists and is entered into NCIC [National Crime Information Center database]."</li> </ul>
<b>Illinois</b>		
Chicago	Executive Order 89-6 (4/89)	<p>Establishes that no city agent or agency shall request information about or otherwise investigate or assist in the investigation of the citizenship or residency status of any person, unless such inquiry or investigation is required by statute, ordinance, federal regulation, or court decision.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Directs city agents and agencies to refrain from disseminating information regarding the citizenship or residency status of any person unless required to do so by legal process.</li> <li>States that city agents and agencies cannot condition the provision of city benefits, opportunities, or services on matters related to citizenship or residency status, unless required to do so by law, federal regulation, or court decision. Requires all applications, questionnaires, and interview forms relating to city benefits, opportunities, or services to delete any questions regarding individuals' immigration status, if these questions are not required by law, regulation, or court decision.</li> </ul>
Cicero	Police Dept. General order 61-01-02 (11/98)	<p>Prohibits Police Department from detaining a person on the suspicion that he or she may be undocumented, from initiating police action where the primary objective is discovery of immigration status, from initiating immigration status checks unless the person is a gang member or under felony arrest or arrest for a sex offense, and from arresting an undocumented person on the lone fact of undocumented status.</p>
Evanston	City Council Resolution No. 27-R-03 (5/03)	<p>Opposes legal enforcement activity based solely on an individual's country of origin, religion, ethnicity, or immigration status.</p> <p><a href="http://www.aclu.org/SafeandFree/SafeandFree.cfm?ID=12700&amp;c=207">www.aclu.org/SafeandFree/SafeandFree.cfm?ID=12700&amp;c=207</a></p>

<b>Maine</b>		
Maine State	Executive Order from Governor (4/04)	<p>Prohibits city officers or employees from disclosing confidential information, including information concerning immigration status, unless (i) the individual to whom such information pertains is suspected of engaging in illegal activity “other than mere status as an undocumented alien,” (ii) the dissemination of such information is necessary to apprehend a person suspected of engaging in illegal activity other than mere status as an undocumented alien, (iii) such disclosure is necessary in furtherance of a potential terrorist activity investigation, or (iv) such disclosure is required by law.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prohibits city officers and employees, other than law enforcement, from inquiring into an individual’s immigration status unless (i) immigration status is necessary for the determination of eligibility for a State program, service, or benefit, (ii) the officer or employee is required by law or court order to inquire into the person’s immigration status, (iii) if otherwise necessary for the purposes of safeguarding public health.</li> <li>• Instructs State agencies with law enforcement, investigative, or prosecutorial authority to (i) continue cooperating with federal authorities in investigating and apprehending immigrants suspected of criminal activity, (ii) not inquire about a person’s immigration status unless for the investigation of an illegal activity other than an immigration violation, and (iii) institute a policy prohibiting inquiries into the immigration status of crime victims, witnesses, or others seeking assistance.</li> </ul>
Portland	Ordinance (6/03)	<p>Prohibits city officers and employees from inquiring into the immigration status of any person or engaging in activities for the purpose of ascertaining immigration status.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permits police officers to inquire into immigration status if they have reason to believe that an individual is present in the US after previously being deported and is committing or has committed a felony violation, and directs officers to detain any individual, regardless of immigration status, if there is reasonable suspicion that an individual poses a credible threat to national security.</li> </ul>
<b>Maryland</b>		
Baltimore	City Council Resolution (5/03)	<p>Directs Police Department to refrain from enforcing immigration matters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• States that no city service shall be denied on the basis of citizenship.</li> </ul> <p><a href="http://www.aclu.org/SafeandFree/SafeandFree.cfm?ID=12667&amp;c=207">www.aclu.org/SafeandFree/SafeandFree.cfm?ID=12667&amp;c=207</a></p>
Prince George’s County	County Council Resolution No. CR-78-2003 (11/03)	<p>Directs Chief of Police and each member of Prince George’s County Police Department to refrain from enforcing immigration matters that are the responsibility of the Department of Homeland Security.</p> <p><a href="http://www.aclu.org/SafeandFree/SafeandFree.cfm?ID=14573&amp;c=207">www.aclu.org/SafeandFree/SafeandFree.cfm?ID=14573&amp;c=207</a></p>
Montgomery County	County Council Resolution <i>(pending)</i>	<p>Urges Maryland Congressional representatives to vote against the CLEAR Act, stating that the Act “is a threat to the trust and cooperation that exists between our community and our police officers” and that “it will imperil civil liberties and ultimately make our community less safe.”</p>

Takoma Park	Ordinance No. 1985-63 (10/85)	Mandates that no city agent, officer, or employee shall assist or cooperate with the INS in the investigation or arrest of any persons for civil or criminal violation of immigration law, or shall release to the INS any information regarding citizenship or residency status of any City resident. Directs that no agent, officer or employee shall inquire about the citizenship or residency status of any person seeking to enforce rights or obtain benefits unless federal or state law requires such for the determination of eligibility for benefits.
Takoma Park	City Council Resolution No. 2002-82 (10/02)	Directs all local law enforcement personnel to refrain from participating in the enforcement of federal immigration laws. <a href="http://www.aclu.org/SafeandFree/SafeandFree.cfm?ID=11283&amp;c=207">www.aclu.org/SafeandFree/SafeandFree.cfm?ID=11283&amp;c=207</a>

### Massachusetts

Brewster	Town Resolution (11/03)	Forbids all local and non-local officials, in the absence of probable cause of criminal activity, to the extent legally permissible, from, <i>inter alia</i> , enforcing immigration matters. <a href="http://www.aclu.org/SafeandFree/SafeandFree.cfm?ID=14459&amp;c=207">www.aclu.org/SafeandFree/SafeandFree.cfm?ID=14459&amp;c=207</a>
Cambridge	Community Resolution (6/02)	Reaffirms 1985 City declaration of Cambridge as a “sanctuary city,” and prohibits city employees from participating in the investigation, arrest or deportation of refugees accused of violating immigration laws. <a href="http://www.aclu.org/SafeandFree/SafeandFree.cfm?ID=11288&amp;c=207">www.aclu.org/SafeandFree/SafeandFree.cfm?ID=11288&amp;c=207</a>
Orleans	Resolution (5/03)	Forbids all local and non-local officials, in the absence of probable cause of criminal activity and to the extent permissible, from enforcing immigration matters. <a href="http://www.aclu.org/SafeandFree/SafeandFree.cfm?ID=12640&amp;c=207">www.aclu.org/SafeandFree/SafeandFree.cfm?ID=12640&amp;c=207</a>

### Michigan

Ann Arbor	Resolution (7/03)	Directs Chief of Police to continue to limit local enforcement actions with respect to immigration matters to penal violations of federal immigration law (as opposed to administrative violations), except in cases where the Chief of Police determines that there is a legitimate public safety concern. <a href="http://www.aclu.org/SafeandFree/SafeandFree.cfm?ID=13135&amp;c=207">www.aclu.org/SafeandFree/SafeandFree.cfm?ID=13135&amp;c=207</a>
Detroit	Local Resolution (12/02)	States that the Police Department shall refrain from the enforcement of federal immigration laws. <a href="http://www.aclu.org/SafeandFree/SafeandFree.cfm?ID=11427&amp;c=207">www.aclu.org/SafeandFree/SafeandFree.cfm?ID=11427&amp;c=207</a>

### Minnesota

Minneapolis	Ordinance MCC 19.10-19.50 (7/03)	Bars city employees from inquiring about a person’s immigration status unless required to do so by a local, state, or federal program. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bars police from trying to detect or verify immigration status or from arresting people for immigration violations unless enforcing laws that outlaw certain activities by immigrants.</li> </ul> <a href="http://livepublish.municode.com/13/lpext.dll?f=templates&amp;fn=main-hit-j.htm&amp;2.0">http://livepublish.municode.com/13/lpext.dll?f=templates&amp;fn=main-hit-j.htm&amp;2.0</a> → Enter “MCC 19.10” in search box
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Minneapolis	<b>Resolution No. 2003R-109 (4/03)</b>	Directs the Police Department to not engage in profiling based on race, ethnicity, citizenship, religious, or political affiliation.  <a href="http://www.aclu.org/SafeandFree/SafeandFree.cfm?!ID=12291&amp;c=207">www.aclu.org/SafeandFree/SafeandFree.cfm?!ID=12291&amp;c=207</a>
St. Paul	Ordinance No. 04-316	Bars city officers or employees from inquiring into the immigration status of any person, requesting any documents or information verifying the immigration status of any individual, or using city resources or personnel solely for the purpose of detecting or apprehending individuals whose only violation may be unlawful presence. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires information about immigration status in the possession of or known to an employee to not be maintained or recorded except as required by law, and that confidentiality be maintained to the fullest extent permitted by law.</li> <li>• Allows for immigration related inquiries permitted by law or “as necessary for law enforcement purposes.”</li> <li>• Directs employees to comply with any properly issued subpoena.</li> </ul>

### New Mexico

Rio Arriba County	Resolution No. 2003-085 (4/03)	Affirms the County’s strong support for the rights of immigrants and directs all state and local law enforcement agencies operating in the County to refrain from participating in the enforcement of federal immigration laws.  <a href="http://www.aclu.org/SafeandFree/SafeandFree.cfm?!ID=12386&amp;c=207">www.aclu.org/SafeandFree/SafeandFree.cfm?!ID=12386&amp;c=207</a>
Albuquerque	Resolution No. R-2001-009 (11/00)	Prohibits the use of municipal resources to identify an individual’s immigration status or apprehend persons on the sole basis of immigration status, unless otherwise required to do so by law.
Santa Fe	Resolution No. 1999-6 (1/99)	Prohibits the use of municipal resources to identify or apprehend any non-citizen solely on the basis of immigration status. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prohibits discrimination on the basis of national origin.</li> </ul>

### New York

New York City	Executive Order 41 (9/03, amending Executive Order 34)	Prohibits city officers or employees from disclosing confidential information, including information concerning immigration status, unless (i) the individual to whom such information pertains is suspected of engaging in illegal activity “other than mere status as an undocumented alien,” (ii) the dissemination of such information is necessary to apprehend a person suspected of engaging in illegal activity other than unlawful presence, or (iii) such disclosure is necessary in furtherance of a potential terrorist activity investigation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prohibits city officers and employees, other than law enforcement, from inquiring into an individual’s immigration status unless immigration status is necessary for the determination of eligibility for a program, service, or benefit or the officer or employee is required by law to inquire into the person’s immigration status.</li> <li>• Instructs law enforcement officers to not inquire about a person’s immigration status unless for the</li> </ul>
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Syracuse	City Resolution No. 37-R (9/03)	<p>Calls on the Syracuse Police Department to recognize that the enforcement of federal immigration laws is a function of federal law enforcement. Asks the Police Department therefore to refrain from participating in the enforcement of immigration laws except when specifically requested by federal officials in relation to particularized suspicion of criminal activity.</p> <p><a href="http://www.aclu.org/SafeandFree/SafeandFree.cfm?ID=13528&amp;c=207">www.aclu.org/SafeandFree/SafeandFree.cfm?ID=13528&amp;c=207</a></p>

**North Carolina**

Durham	Resolution No. 9046 (10/03)	<p>Establishes that, unless otherwise required as part of a city officer or employee’s duties or by law or by court order, no city officer or employee shall inquire into the immigration status of any person or engage in activities designed to ascertain the immigration status of any person.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• States that this policy shall not be construed to prohibit officers or employees from cooperating and sharing information with federal or state authorities and other governmental entities as required by law.</li> <li>• States that in the event of conflict between federal law or regulations and the resolution, the federal law or regulation shall supercede any conflicting provision of the resolution.</li> </ul>
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**Ohio**

Lorain County	Resolution No. 03-836 against the CLEAR Act (11/03)	<p>Declares that the Lorain County Board of Commissioners opposes HR 2671, the CLEAR Act, because the legislation would be another unfunded mandate and “would have a corrosive effect on the community policing efforts.”</p>
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**Oregon**

Oregon State	Statute 181.850 (1987)	<p>Prohibits generally state and local law enforcement agencies from using agency moneys, equipment, or personnel for the purpose of detecting or apprehending persons of foreign citizenship based solely on violations of federal immigration law.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permits law enforcement agencies to exchange information with the INS to verify immigration status if an individual is arrested for any criminal offense.</li> </ul> <p><a href="http://www.aclu-or.org/issues/terrorism/181/181challenges.html">www.aclu-or.org/issues/terrorism/181/181challenges.html</a> (ACLU-Oregon site with information on statute.)</p>
Ashland	Resolution No. 2003-05 (2/03)	<p>Directs the Police Department to refrain from participating in the enforcement of federal immigration laws.</p> <p><a href="http://www.aclu.org/SafeandFree/SafeandFree.cfm?ID=11851&amp;c=207">www.aclu.org/SafeandFree/SafeandFree.cfm?ID=11851&amp;c=207</a></p>

Gaston	City Council Resolution No. 03-01 (4/02)	States that no City employee or department may violate Oregon State law prohibiting state and local law enforcement agencies from detecting or apprehending persons of foreign citizenship based only on violation of federal immigration law. <a href="http://www.aclu.org/SafeandFree/SafeandFree.cfm?ID=12647&amp;c=207">www.aclu.org/SafeandFree/SafeandFree.cfm?ID=12647&amp;c=207</a>
Marion County	Administrative Police Order 97-99 (6/97)	Establishes that the County may not operate its programs for the sole or primary purpose of enforcing immigration laws, and law enforcement entities cannot use their resources to detect or apprehend persons solely for violation of immigration law.
Portland	City Resolution No. 36179 (10/03)	Reaffirms Oregon State statute 181.850's prohibition against law enforcement from detecting or apprehending persons whose only violation is under federal immigration law. <a href="http://www.aclu.org/SafeandFree/SafeandFree.cfm?ID=14261&amp;c=207">www.aclu.org/SafeandFree/SafeandFree.cfm?ID=14261&amp;c=207</a>
Salem	Resolution (12/97)	Establishes that it is the City's policy to not operate any city program for the sole purpose or primary purpose of enforcing immigration law. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bars city employees from using city resources to detect or apprehend persons whose only violation of the law is unlawful presence.</li> <li>• Permits city employees to seek national origin information so long as it is not used to enforce immigration law.</li> </ul>
Talent	Resolution No. 03-642-R (4/03)	Directs the Police Department to refrain from participating in the enforcement of federal immigration law in accordance with Oregon State law. <a href="http://www.aclu.org/SafeandFree/SafeandFree.cfm?ID=12268&amp;c=207">www.aclu.org/SafeandFree/SafeandFree.cfm?ID=12268&amp;c=207</a>

**Pennsylvania**

Philadelphia	Police Dept. Memorandum 01-06 (5/01)	States that the Police Department will preserve the confidentiality of all information regarding law-abiding immigrants to the maximum extent of the law. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishes that immigration information will be transmitted to federal authorities only when required by law, at the individual's request, or when the individual is suspected of engaging in criminal activity.</li> <li>• States that immigrants who are the victims of crime will not have their immigration status transmitted in any manner.</li> </ul>
Philadelphia	Resolution No. 020394 (5/02)	Opposes federal policy giving local and state law enforcement agencies the authority to investigate the citizenship and residency status of any person, unless required by court decision or statute.
Philadelphia	City Council Resolution (5/03)	Reaffirms Resolution No. 020394, which opposes federal policy giving local and state law enforcement agencies the authority to investigate the citizenship and residency status of any person, unless required by court decision or statute. Also reaffirms Police Directive Memorandum 01-06 requiring all police personnel to "preserve the confidentiality of all information regarding law abiding immigrants to the maximum extent permitted by law." <a href="http://www.aclu.org/SafeandFree/SafeandFree.cfm?ID=12737&amp;c=207">www.aclu.org/SafeandFree/SafeandFree.cfm?ID=12737&amp;c=207</a>

Philadelphia	City Solicitor Memorandum to All City Commissioners and Department Heads (10/03)	<p>Clarifies that it is the legal responsibility of all City of Philadelphia officers and employees to provide City services and benefits to all persons regardless of immigration status.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prohibits city officers or employees from disclosing confidential information, including information concerning immigration status, unless (i) the individual to whom such information pertains is suspected of engaging in illegal activity “other than mere status as an undocumented alien,” (ii) the dissemination of such information is necessary to apprehend a person suspected of engaging in illegal activity other than unlawful presence, or (iii) such disclosure is necessary in furtherance of a potential terrorist activity investigation.</li> <li>• Prohibits city officers and employees, other than law enforcement, from inquiring into an individual’s immigration status unless immigration status is necessary for the determination of eligibility for a program, service, or benefit or the officer or employee is required by law to inquire into the person’s immigration status.</li> <li>• Instructs law enforcement officers to not inquire about a person’s immigration status unless for the investigation of an illegal activity other than an immigration violation, and directs the Police Department to have a policy not to inquire about the immigration status of crime victims, witnesses, or others who ask for police assistance.</li> </ul>
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**Texas**

Austin	Resolution (1/97)	Creates a “safety zone” where no services will be denied on the basis of a person’s immigration status and where all persons are treated equally.
Houston	Police Dept. General Order No. 500-5 (6/92)	<p>Establishes that undocumented immigration status on its own does not constitute a matter for local police action, and unlawful entry is not to be treated as an on-going offense occurring in the presence of a local police officer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prohibits police officers from stopping or apprehending individuals solely on the belief that they are in the country illegally.</li> </ul>
Katy	Police Dept. Memo of Understanding (1998)	Prohibits police officers from questioning, stopping, detaining, or arresting individuals based solely upon the suspicion that the individual has violated federal immigration law.

**Washington**

Seattle	Ordinance No. 121063 (1/03)	<p>Prohibits city officers and employees from inquiring into the immigration status of any person or engaging in activities designed to ascertain immigration status.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permits police officers to inquire into immigration status if they have reason to believe that an individual is present in the U.S. after previously being deported and is committing or has committed a felony violation.</li> </ul> <p><a href="http://www.cityofseattle.net/council/legdb.htm">www.cityofseattle.net/council/legdb.htm</a> → Click on "Bills and Ordinances" → Type in Ordinance Number: 121063</p>
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Seattle	Police Dept. Directive D02-40 (6/02)	States that determining the status of an undocumented person in this country, barring any criminal activity, is a federal civil violation that should not be enforced by the municipal police department. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establishes that request for specific documents for the sole purpose of determining someone's civil immigration status is not permitted.</li> <li>Directs Seattle police officers to not initiate police action based solely on an individual's civil immigration status.</li> </ul>
<b>Wisconsin</b>		
Madison	Resolution (10/02)	Forbids, in the absence of probable cause of criminal activity, the enforcement of immigration matters. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>States that no city service will be denied on the basis of citizenship.</li> </ul> <a href="http://www.aclu.org/SafeandFree/SafeandFree.cfm?!D=11285&amp;c=207">www.aclu.org/SafeandFree/SafeandFree.cfm?!D=11285&amp;c=207</a>
Dane County	Policy Resolution <i>(pending)</i>	Proposes to prohibit any County officials from disclosing any information about an individual's immigration status to any outside agency. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requires information about a person's immigration status to be disclosed to an outside agency only if required by law or if the disclosure is authorized by the individual, or if the information would be used in the investigation and apprehension of an undocumented immigrant suspected of criminal activity.</li> </ul>

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