

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2025-01

“BERWYN ICE FREE ZONES: PROHIBITING THE USE OF BERWYN CITY PROPERTY, BERWYN POLICE DEPARTMENT, BERWYN FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND OTHER BERWYN OWNED PROPERTY, FOR FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS AND PROHIBITING CITY EMPLOYEES, FROM PROVIDING LOGISTICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FOR SUCH OPERATIONS”

WHEREAS, The City of Berwyn is a “Welcoming City,” and is committed to ensuring the safety, rights, and well- being of all residents, regardless of race, religion, national origin, immigration status or language spoken; and

WHEREAS, as a home rule municipality, the City of Berwyn has the power to manage and regulate its internal affairs, including control over City property, facilities, personnel, and resources,

WHEREAS, the unauthorize use of City resources and personnel to facilitate civil immigration enforcement actions interfere with the City’s authority over its own use of resources and personnel and undermines the intent of, Berwyn’s Welcoming City Ordinance; and

NOW, THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Berwyn, I hereby order and direct:

Section 1. Purpose and Prohibition:

No City-owned or City-controlled facility, establishment, parking lot, shall be used as a staging area, processing location, or operations base for civil immigration enforcement. Staging and operations base, which includes meetings, preparing and mobilizing for civil immigration enforcement operations.

It is the policy of the City of Berwyn to refrain from voluntary cooperation in federal civil immigration enforcement operations on City property or through the use of City resources, except where such cooperation is compelled by valid law or court order. This Order is intended to reinforce and give operational effect to the Welcoming City principles adopted. No City employee or officer shall knowingly provide logistical assistance for any immigration enforcement operation on City property unless they have a signed warrant signed by a judge.

Section 2. Definitions

1. **Federal immigration enforcement agency** means any agency, instrumentality, or contractor of the United States government tasked with enforcing civil immigration law, including but not limited to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) or U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP).
2. **Staging area / operations base** means any location used to assemble, mobilize, deploy, coordinate, monitor, or support personnel, vehicles, equipment, surveillance, or logistical operations for civil immigration enforcement.
3. **City property or resource** means any real property, land, buildings, facilities, parking lots, vacant lots, garages, vehicles, equipment, communication or IT systems, databases, networks, data, or any other tangible assets owned, leased, operated, or controlled directly by the City of

Berwyn or any of its departments, including but not limited to the Berwyn Police Department, the Berwyn Fire Department, the Department of Public Works, and any other municipal or quasi-municipal entity operating under the City's jurisdiction or using City-owned facilities. This definition applies whether such property is under direct City control, leased to a private party, or used jointly under intergovernmental or public partnership agreements.

This definition expressly excludes property owned or operated by independent public entities, including the Berwyn Public Library, the Berwyn Park District, and local school districts, which are not under the City's jurisdiction.

4. **City personnel** means any officer, employee, intern, volunteer, contractor, or agent of the City of Berwyn.

Section 3. Prohibitions on Use and Cooperation

1. No City department, office, or City personnel shall permit, facilitate, or allow a federal immigration enforcement agency to use any city property or resource as a staging area, operations base, processing site, detainment location, surveillance point, or for transportation of detainees, unless use is compelled by valid law, court order, or warrant.

2. City personnel shall not assist or participate in federal immigration enforcement operations (including translation services, administrative or logistical support, security, monitoring, data sharing) in furtherance of civil immigration enforcement, unless required by law or court order during working hours.

3. No City telecommunication systems, information systems, networks, databases, or data shall be made available to federal immigration enforcement agencies for civil immigration enforcement purposes except pursuant to lawful jurisdiction (e.g. valid court order).

Section 4. Identification, Signage & Reporting

1. Within five (7) business days after issuance of this Order, the Mayor's and Clerk's Office shall identify all city-owned or controlled properties that may be used for federal enforcement staging or operations

2. The City shall post signage on those identified properties stating: "City of Berwyn property – not to be used for civil immigration enforcement operations including staging, processing, or surveillance."

3. City personnel shall immediately notify the Mayor's Office and the Legal Department of any attempts or actual use of city property by federal immigration enforcement agencies for civil immigration enforcement operations.

4. For safety of all residents, employees and visitors, full face coverings are not allowed on any City property unless they are medical masks or religious headwear.

Section 5. Exceptions


1. This Order shall not apply in instances where compliance is compelled by a valid statute, or warrant.


2. Nothing in this Order is intended to prevent or interfere with lawful federal operations.

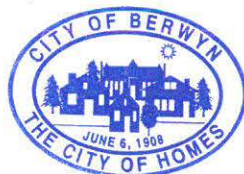
Section 7. Effectiveness

This Executive Order shall become effective immediately upon its signing and filing with the City Clerk and shall remain in effect until modified, rescinded, or superseded by a future executive order or ordinance.

Received and filed on: this 28th day of October, 2025.



Robert J. Lovero, Mayor, City of Berwyn

Leticia Garcia, Berwyn City Clerk

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Berwyn, Cook County, Illinois on October 28, 2025, pursuant to roll call, as follows:


	Yes	No	Absent	Present
Caldwell	✓			
Bowman	✓			
Leja	✓			
Fejt	✓			
Pabon	✓			
Polashek	✓			
Bruckmann	✓			
Carmichael	✓			
(Mayor) Lovero				
Total	8			

APPROVED this 28th day of October, 2025.



Robert J. Lovero
MAYOR

ATTEST:



Leticia Garcia
CITY CLERK