



Township of Haverford

Resolution No. 2476-2026

Resolution of the Township of Haverford, County of Delaware, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Establishing an Official Policy That Its Law Enforcement Officers and Resources Shall Not Be Engaged in The Enforcement of Non-Criminal Federal Immigration Lawsfederal immigration laws.

Whereas, all people are created equal, regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, national origin, or immigration status; and

Whereas, fostering a welcoming environment for all people regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, national origin, or immigration status enhances Haverford Township's cultural fabric, economic growth, and overall wellbeing and prosperity for current and future generations; and

Whereas, all individuals must enjoy equal protection of the law regardless of immigration status, including the right to be free from unreasonable search and seizure; and

Whereas, the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania require that a warrant for a person's arrest must only be issued by a neutral and detached judge or judicial officer; and

Whereas, in many cases being present in the United States without proper documentation is considered a civil violation, not a criminal offense; and

Whereas, no state or federal law or regulation requires municipal police officers to assist the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents with their civil enforcement activities; and

Whereas, the Haverford Township Police Department does not participate in the federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) 287(g) program, which authorizes certain local law enforcement agencies to perform specific federal immigration enforcement functions; and

Whereas, the Haverford Township Board of Commissioners wishes to establish an official policy that Haverford Township will neither enable ICE-related civil law enforcement nor enter into ICE program 287(g); and

Whereas, the Haverford Township Police Department will continue to enforce all applicable federal, state, and local laws.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Haverford Township Board of Commissioners hereby declares that Haverford Township will neither initiate nor accept any requests from any department or agency of the United States government to enter into any program or Memorandum of Agreement that would commit Township time, funds, efforts, or resources toward Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) non-criminal administrative enforcement activities, including entering into any agreement which authorizes any law enforcement officer of Haverford Township to apply and enforce federal

immigration law under Section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, codified at 8 U.S.C. § 1357(g), more commonly known as a “287(g) Agreement.”.

Be it further resolved, that the Township will continue to fully comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and may consult with the Township Solicitor, the District Attorney’s office, and other professional advisors as necessary to ensure the protection of the rights and liberties of all residents.

Resolved this 12th day of January, 2026.

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By: Judy Trombetta .
President Board of Commissioners



Attest: David R. Burman,
Township Manager/Secretary