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Statement regarding immigration enforcement

Recent national news and public discussion have raised questions about the role of local police in immigration enforcement.

The Barre City Police Department's role is focused on public safety, emergency response, and community policing. The City does not engage in federal civil immigration enforcement.

Barre City has not entered into, and has never been asked to enter into, a 287(g) agreement with federal authorities. Any such agreement would require full City Council review, proper public notice, and authorization from the State of Vermont, consistent with state law.

The City of Barre does not participate in Operation Stonegarden and has not sought funding through that program.

Barre City and the Barre City Police Department adhere to Vermont's Fair and Impartial Policing Policy, which generally prohibits local law enforcement agencies from engaging in federal civil immigration enforcement.

City leadership continues to monitor state and federal policy developments and will address any proposed changes through established public processes.