

**ORDINANCE NO. 815**

**CITY OF GOLDEN VALLEY, MINNESOTA**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE CITY CODE  
ADDING ARTICLE IX. STEWARDSHIP OF CITY RESOURCES**

The City Council for the City of Golden Valley hereby ordains as follows:

Section 1. City Code Chapter 2 is amended to add Article IX in its entirety to read as follows:

**ARTICLE IX. STEWARDSHIP OF CITY RESOURCES**

**Sec. 2-207. Purpose.**

The purpose of this Article is to ensure that the City is stewarding its resources for the benefit of the public in accordance with state public purpose expenditures law and in a nondiscriminatory fashion compliant with the Minnesota and United States Constitutions. The City finds that this Article serves the public interest by ensuring the equal treatment of all residents and visitors in the provision of City resources and services, preserving the trust of the public in the integrity of the City's stewardship of public resources, and maintaining compliance with applicable local, state, and federal laws. The City's findings in Resolution No. 26-022 are hereby incorporated by reference.

**Sec. 2-208. Definitions.**

As used in this Article, the terms defined in this section shall have the following meanings ascribed to them:

*City property* means real property owned by the City of Golden Valley, the Housing and Redevelopment Authority in and for the City of Golden Valley, or any other public body established by the City, including City parks, lots, outlots, buildings, parking lots and parking structures, but not including public right-of-way, public streets, and sidewalks. City Property includes property generally open to the public and not generally open to the public, such as City utilities and spaces designated as employee-only or requiring secured or paid access for entry.

*Staging Operations* means actions taken to mobilize, prepare, or deploy vehicles, equipment, materials, or personnel for the purpose of enforcing federal immigration law.

**Sec. 2-209. Prohibited Uses of City Resources.**

No City employee or City public official may direct, permit, facilitate, or authorize the use of City resources, including but not limited to City property or City personal property, facilities, equipment, money, or personnel:

- (a) For the purpose of enforcing federal immigration laws except as authorized by a judicial warrant or other similar lawful authorization; or

- (b) For the purpose of discriminating against any individual on the basis of a protected class characteristic under the Minnesota or United States Constitution; or
- (c) For personal benefit or profit.

**Sec. 2-210. Access to City Property.**

No individual or federal, state, or local agency may use or access City Property for the purposes of staging operations, except the use of City Property authorized by a judicial warrant, subpoena or other similar lawful authorization. Federal, state, or local government entities or personnel will not receive special or enhanced access to City Property for operations enforcing federal immigration law.

**Sec. 2-211. Reporting Requirements.**

Any City employee or City public official who observes or identifies use of City resources for one of the purposes prohibited in Section 2-209 or who denies a request to use City resources for one of those purposes, must provide a report to the City Manager as soon as reasonably practicable and in no event later than within 3 business days of observing, identifying, or denying use of City resources, including the following information:

- (a) The date the request for resources was received or resources were observed or identified as used for a prohibited purpose;
- (b) The identity of the individual or agency requesting use of City resources for a prohibited purpose or who was observed or identified as using City resources for a prohibited purpose;
- (c) A summary description of the City resources requested or used;
- (d) The prohibited purpose for which City resources were used or for which the request for City resources was denied.

**Sec. 2-212. Compliance With Law.**

Nothing in this Article should be construed to violate state or federal law or to prohibit City employees from providing data or services when required by state or federal law.

**Sec. 2-213. Severability.**

If any section, clause, provision, or portion of this Article is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, that part may be severed and shall not invalidate or affect the enforceability of the remainder of this Article.

**Secs. 2-214—2-24. Reserved.**

Section 2. This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage and publication as required by law.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Golden Valley this 17th day of February, 2026.

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Roslyn Harmon, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Theresa Schyma, City Clerk