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York mayor's executive order on immigration

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The City of York Pennsylvania
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The Honorable C. Kim Bracey, Mayor

EXECUTIVE ORDER

ADVANCING PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCESS TO CITY SERVICES

WHEREAS, The Mayor of the City of York believes in the dignity of all of its residents and recognizes the importance of their contributions to social, religious, cultural, and economic life.



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WHEREAS, The City of York promotes public trust in all local government agencies and law enforcement and the reciprocal respect for the rule of law, which are vital to promoting the City's mission of ensuring public safety and serving the needs of the entire community.

WHEREAS, The mission of the York City Police Department, in partnership with the York community, is to protect and preserve life, protect property, understand and serve the needs of the City's neighborhoods and to improve the quality of life of our community.

WHEREAS, The United States Constitution vests the federal government with the sole authority to prescribe laws governing which foreign nationals are granted entrance into the country and determining who among them may stay.

WHEREAS, The City of York has consistently sought to protect the rights of all of York's residents to be free from discrimination, abuse, violence, and exploitation, as shown through its dedication to protecting victims of crime.

WHEREAS, The City of York wishes to encourage all residents of York to report crimes to City law enforcement officials and to use City services.

WHEREAS, No member of the York City Police Department shall discriminate against any person based on race, religion, ethnicity, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, or disability. The York Police Department seeks to ensure every person will be treated with dignity, fairness and respect, without regard to race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, or handicapping condition.

WHEREAS, The City of York remains committed to ensuring public safety, public health, and vital services on which the entire community depends and recognizes that these priorities are best achieved through the promotion of inclusiveness and trust between the government and all City residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C. KIM BRACEY, MAYOR of the City of York, do hereby issue the following Executive Order for the City of York:

1. No City Department, agency, officer or employee shall discriminate against any resident of York City based on confirmed or suspected race, ethnicity, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, immigration status, and/or inability to speak English.
2. No City funds, resources, or personnel shall be used to investigate, question, apprehend, or arrest an individual solely for an actual or suspected civil violation of federal immigration law unless required by federal or state law.
3. No City Department, agency, officer or employee shall condition the provision of City services or benefits on the immigration status of the individual seeking those services or benefits unless such conditions are lawfully imposed by federal or state law.
4. The City of York calls upon Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents performing official business in the City to identify themselves as federal immigration officers and to make clear that they are not officers, agents, or employees of the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

5. Nothing in this Executive Order shall be construed to prohibit any City officer or employee from participating in task force activities with federal criminal law enforcement authorities.
6. Nothing in this Executive Order shall be construed to prohibit any City of York Police officer from investigating violations of criminal law.
7. Nothing in this Executive Order shall be construed to prohibit any law enforcement officer from cooperating with federal immigration authorities in the investigation and apprehension of undocumented immigrants suspected of criminal activity.

AND, that this Order shall take effect on the date of its execution, and shall remain in effect until otherwise ordered.

Given under my hand and the seal of the City of York this twenty fourth day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen.

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