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**EXECUTIVE ORDER  
OF  
MAYOR PAUL LUNDBERG**

**An Executive Order To Protect The Community  
From Unconstitutional and Violent Federal  
Operations**

**WHEREAS:** The City of Gloucester is among one of the safest cities in America, and remains committed to ensuring public safety for all its residents and holding all perpetrators of crime accountable; *and*

**WHEREAS:** The City of Gloucester shall continue to prioritize public safety, including protecting residents from violence and ensuring accountability for all who perpetrate it; *and*

**WHEREAS:** On January 29, 2026, Massachusetts Governor Maura Healey issued an executive order and introduced legislation that would prevent ICE from conducting operations in places of worship, courthouses, schools, child care facilities, and hospitals; prevent ICE from making civil arrests in nonpublic areas of state-owned properties; and prohibit ICE from using state-owned properties for staging, processing, and related civil immigration actions

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED:***

Pursuant to the authority invested in me as the chief executive officer of the City of Gloucester by Section 3-2 of the City of Gloucester Charter, I, Paul Lundberg, Mayor of Gloucester, hereby order and direct as follows:

**Section 1: De-escalation of Federal Provocations and Provision of First Aid**

In the event of federal operations, including operations by ICE agents or other federal officials, the City of Gloucester, through its public safety agencies, shall ensure, consistent with long-standing practice, that established de-escalation protocols are used to protect peaceful protestors and ensure public safety across the City.

In the event that any person is injured when City officials are present, City officials shall immediately summon emergency medical services. First responders shall make all reasonable efforts to render aid according to long-standing protocols established by, the Gloucester Police Department, the Gloucester Fire Department, and the Emergency Management Department.

Consistent with state and federal law, nothing in this section shall be interpreted to require or permit obstruction of federal immigration enforcement.

## **Section 2: Transparency in For All Conduct**

The City of Gloucester Public Records Access Officer and the Director of the Information and Technology Department shall, consistent with the Massachusetts Public Records Law, work with the Gloucester Police Department to publicly release video footage of violence or property damage by federal officials captured by Gloucester Police Department or other City-controlled surveillance cameras, provided that such release does not unduly interfere with an active criminal investigation, as determined by state and local law enforcement agencies.

## **Section 3: Investigation of Criminal Conduct by Federal Officials**

The City of Gloucester reaffirms that consistent with its statutory authority and longstanding practice, the Gloucester Police Department shall investigate all violence, property damage, and allegations of criminal conduct, including by federal officials, and appropriately document such incidents; and such investigations shall be independent of parallel federal investigations, if any; and the Gloucester Police Department shall, whenever appropriate, work in collaboration with and make referrals to the Essex County District Attorney or the Massachusetts Attorney General.

The City of Gloucester Law Department shall work with the Gloucester Police Department in securing complete and timely cooperation from federal agencies, exercising all available legal avenues. Such cooperation shall include, but not be limited to, seeking access to all evidence collected by federal agencies and independent interviews with all involved federal officials and witnesses.

## **Section 4: De-escalation in Response to Suspected Trespassing**

The City of Gloucester reaffirms that and assures residents that calling 9-1-1 is an appropriate response to warrantless entry of private homes and businesses; and that the Gloucester Police Department shall employ de-escalation tactics in response to all such incidents, including by federal officials, in order to ensure the safety of all those present, consistent with its statutory authority, training, and established practices.

Consistent with state and federal law, nothing in this section shall be interpreted to require or permit obstruction of federal immigration enforcement.

## **Section 5: Restriction on the Use of City Property**

The City of Gloucester Department of Public Works, and any other City department with authority over physical property, shall not allow any City-owned or City-controlled property including but not limited to City-owned buildings, parks, parking lots, and any interior or exterior portion thereof to be used as an unpermitted staging area, processing location, operations base, or any similar purpose in furtherance of civil immigration enforcement operations, unless federal officials have obtained a valid court order or judicial warrant. Prohibited uses of City-owned or City-controlled property include, but are not limited to, assembling, mobilizing, or deploying personnel, vehicles, equipment, or materials for the purpose of civil immigration enforcement.

City-owned and City-controlled property is not available to the general public for similar activities; civil immigration enforcement operations are not an exception.

The Director of the Department of Public Works shall consult with leaders from the Gloucester Public Library, Gloucester Public Schools, Gloucester Council on Aging, Gloucester Harbormaster, Gloucester Police Department, and Gloucester Fire Department to identify all City-owned and City-controlled property that is likely to be used for prohibited purposes described in this Section.

The Department of Public Works shall ensure that signage is posted at all such locations indicating that the property is owned and/or controlled by the City of Gloucester and is restricted to municipally authorized uses.

## **Section 6: Protecting Residents in City Locations**

The Law Department shall provide updated guidance for front-line staff at municipal buildings and properties, including schools, libraries, senior centers, and community centers, reaffirming the City's long-held position that these locations are available to provide specific services to members of the public, and are to be accessed for those purposes only, and reiterating protocols for contacting department leadership and legal counsel, in the event that any non-City personnel, including federal officials, attempt to access the premises for other purposes, or access City-owned or City-controlled property in violation of Section 5.

The City shall not allow civil immigration enforcement officials into nonpublic spaces without a valid judicial warrant or court order.

The Department of Public Works shall consult with leaders from the Gloucester Public Library, Gloucester Public Schools, Gloucester Council on Aging, Gloucester Harbormaster, Gloucester Police Department, and Fire Department to identify all City-owned and City-controlled nonpublic spaces that are likely to be targeted by civil immigration enforcement

officials.

The Department of Public Works shall post signs defining nonpublic spaces and indicating that such spaces shall not be accessed.

In addition, the Gloucester Public Schools shall remind all staff of guidance regarding appropriate procedures in the event of civil immigration enforcement actions at a school or school event. Consistent with Gloucester Public Schools' longstanding policies protecting student safety, school buildings are not accessible to the public during school days.

### **Section 7: Scope**

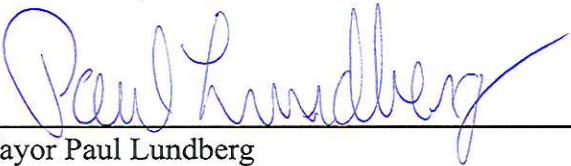
Nothing in this Order shall be construed as restricting or interfering with the execution of court orders or lawful judicial warrants, or the enforcement of criminal law, nor as limiting the rights of any person or entity under state or federal law.

### **Section 8: Effective Date**

This Executive Order shall take effect

immediately. SIGNED THIS 6<sup>th</sup> DAY OF

FEBRUARY, 2026

  
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Mayor Paul Lundberg