

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
Report for the Village Council Meeting
11/18/2025

SUBJECT:	SUBMITTED BY:
ICE/Border Patrol	Dave Fieldman Village Manager

SYNOPSIS

At the request of Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt, the following proposal has been placed on the New Business Agenda.

Pass a resolution to prohibit U.S. Border Patrol and ICE staging on Village of Downers Grove property.

Pass a resolution to require DGPD observation for each instance in which U.S. Border Patrol or ICE activity is reported by the public, including a body camera footage to keep a record for any potential court violations to be sent to the U.S. Attorney General's office.

Pursuant to Village Council policy, this topic shall be a discussion item only to allow the Village Council to direct staff to prepare an action for consideration at a later date. If the Village directs staff to undertake this new business item, staff will prepare a draft Resolution or Resolutions for Council review and consideration at an upcoming meeting.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

The Strategic Goals include A Safe and Welcoming Community.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

Action at the direction of the Village Council.

BACKGROUND

Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt submitted the following request for consideration by the Village Council as New Business:

Proposal to Monitor U.S. Border Patrol and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Activities

Objectives

Ensure that the Downers Grove community members' constitutional rights are not being violated by U.S. Border Patrol and Ice by documenting their presence when reported.

Rationale

Federal Judge Sara Ellis has said the use of force by federal agents in Chicago has infringed upon the constitutional rights of members of the Chicagoland community who have tried to document immigrant operations. Judge Ellis issued an injunction last week that placed additional restrictions on federal agents' use of crowd control, including tear gas and pepper spray, among others. There is also evidence that federal agents are detaining individuals who are U.S. citizens, suggesting that they are profiling and not detaining solely based on either judicial or administrative warrants. As a result, many communities have faced increased violence and trauma due to these potential constitutional rights violations.

Specific Areas of Concern:

First Amendment: Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Fourth Amendment: The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

Fifth Amendment: No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.

14th Amendment, Section 1: All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

Proposed Actions

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Related Strategic Goal: A Safe and Welcoming Community

ATTACHMENTS

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
COUNCIL ACTION SUMMARY

INITIATED: Village Attorney DATE: November 18, 2025
(Name)

RECOMMENDATION FROM: _____ FILE REF: _____
(Board or Department)

NATURE OF ACTION:

STEPS NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT ACTION:

- Ordinance
- Resolution
- Motion
- Other

Motion to direct staff to prepare resolutions regulating the use of Village owned properties for civil immigration enforcement activities and reporting potential court violations.



SUMMARY OF ITEM:

Adoption of this motion shall direct staff to prepare resolutions regulating the use of Village owned properties for civil immigration enforcement activities and reporting potential court violations.

RECORD OF ACTION TAKEN:
