

**Business of the Village Board  
Village of Saranac Lake**

BILL #39-2026

SUBJECT: Limiting Law Enforcement

FOR AGENDA: 2/23/2026

DEPT OF ORIGIN: Trustee Scollin

DATE SUBMITTED: 2/16/2026

**RESOLUTION LIMITING LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT COOPERATION  
WITH FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT**

MOVED BY: Scollin SECONDED BY: White

VOTE ON ROLL CALL:

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| MAYOR WILLIAMS   | - <u>no</u>  |
| TRUSTEE BRUNETTE | - <u>yes</u> |
| TRUSTEE RYAN     | - <u>no</u>  |
| TRUSTEE SCOLLIN  | - <u>yes</u> |
| TRUSTEE WHITE    | - <u>yes</u> |



**RESOLUTION LIMITING LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT  
COOPERATION WITH FEDERAL IMMIGRATION  
ENFORCEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Village of Saranac Lake is committed to ensuring public safety, fairness, and equal protection under the law for all residents, regardless of national origin or immigration status; and

WHEREAS, federal immigration enforcement is the responsibility of the United States government and not a duty of state or local law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, under the U.S. Constitution and New York law, state and local law enforcement officers generally do not have authority to enforce federal civil immigration law absent specific federal delegation; and

WHEREAS, local involvement in immigration enforcement may undermine community trust and public safety; and

WHEREAS, current New York policies and proposed state legislation reflect the principle that local police should not be deputized to enforce federal civil immigration law (such as through 287(g) agreements), nor should local resources be used for such purposes; and

WHEREAS, local law enforcement serves best when it focuses on criminal law enforcement and community policing, rather than civil immigration enforcement;

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED* by the Village of Saranac Lake Board of Trustees:

*Section 1 - Definitions*

For the purposes of this resolution:



- a) “Civil immigration enforcement” means activities to investigate, detain, or remove persons for violations of federal civil immigration law, including, but not limited to, administrative warrants, detainers, removal proceedings, or civil arrests not based on criminal offense;
- b) “Federal immigration authorities” means U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and any successor or related federal agencies.

### *Section 2 – Prohibition on Local Civil Immigration Enforcement*

No officer, employee, or agent of the Village of Saranac Lake or the Saranac Lake Police Department shall engage in civil immigration enforcement activities on behalf of federal authorities or investigate, question, detain, arrest, or otherwise act with the primary purpose of enforcing federal civil immigration laws. Local law enforcement officers shall not exercise federal immigration authority absent express federal delegation and legal authority.

### *Section 3 – 287(g) and Similar Agreements*

The Village of Saranac Lake shall not enter into or renew agreements under Section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act or similar arrangements that authorize local law enforcement to act as federal immigration officers. Any such existing agreements shall be reviewed and, consistent with state law, discontinued.

### *Section 4 – Detainers and Requests for Extended Custody*

No local law enforcement agency under the jurisdiction of this municipality shall honor immigration detainers, administrative warrants, requests for notification, or requests to detain individuals beyond their release date solely on the basis of civil immigration enforcement, except when accompanied by a valid judicial warrant or court order supported by probable cause, as required by law. Nothing in this section shall prohibit honoring a judicial warrant signed by a judge.

### *Section 5 – Information Sharing and Status Inquiries*

- a) Except as required by law, no officer or employee shall inquire about or collect information on an individual’s immigration status for the purpose of



civil immigration enforcement;

- b) Local law enforcement shall comply with any applicable state policies (such as prohibitions on sharing DMV or other personal information for immigration enforcement purposes).

*Section 6 – Use of Resources*

Local personnel, facilities, funds, equipment, and/or data shall not be used to assist federal immigration enforcement operations, including the transport of individuals for purposes of civil immigration proceedings, unless required by valid judicial process or federal or state law.

*Section 7 – Exceptions for Criminal Law Enforcement*

Nothing in this resolution shall:

- a) Prohibit cooperation with federal authorities in bona fide criminal investigations or prosecutions unrelated to civil immigration enforcement; or
- b) Prevent compliance with any federal or state law, valid subpoena, or judicial warrant; or
- c) Limit routine sharing of information to the extent required by law.

*Section 8 – Implementation and Training*

The Chief of Police of the Saranac Lake Police Department shall develop and implement training and written policies to ensure compliance with this resolution and applicable New York State and federal law.

*Section 9 – Severability*

If any provision of this resolution is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions.

*Section 10 – Effective Date*



This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.