

**RESOLUTION #1416-2026
OXFORD BOROUGH
CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF OXFORD, CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING AN OFFICIAL POLICY THAT THE BOROUGH'S LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND RESOURCES SHALL NOT BE ENGAGED IN THE ENFORCEMENT OF NON-CRIMINAL FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAWS

WHEREAS, all people are created equal, regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, national origin, sex, or immigration status; and

WHEREAS, fostering a welcoming environment for all people regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, national origin, sex, or immigration status enhances the Borough of Oxford's cultural fabric, economic growth, and overall wellbeing and prosperity for current and future generations; and

WHEREAS, all individuals must enjoy equal protection of the law regardless of immigration status, including the right to be free from unreasonable stops, searches, and seizures; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania require that a warrant for a person's arrest must only be issued by a neutral and detached judge or judicial officer; and

WHEREAS, in many cases, being present in the United States without proper documentation is considered a civil violation, not a criminal offense; and

WHEREAS, no state or federal law or regulation requires municipal police officers to assist the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents with their civil enforcement activities; and

WHEREAS, the Oxford Borough Police Department does not participate in the federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) 287(g) program, which authorizes certain local law enforcement agencies to perform specific federal immigration enforcement functions; and

WHEREAS, it would frustrate the criminal justice system and the safety and security of the citizens of the Borough if witnesses or victims of crimes refrain from providing police with information related to such crimes because they fear the police will pursue immigration related civil enforcement remedies against them or notify ICE of their immigration status; and

WHEREAS, due to the limited resources of the Oxford Borough Police Department, police officer time and resources are better used to address, prevent, and/or investigate criminal matters within the Borough than used to address the civil enforcement activities of ICE; and

WHEREAS, the Council for the Borough of Oxford desires to establish an official policy that the Borough of Oxford will neither enable ICE-related civil law enforcement nor enter into ICE program 287(g); and

WHEREAS, the Oxford Borough Police Department will continue to enforce all applicable federal, state, and local laws.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the Borough of Oxford hereby declares that Oxford Borough will neither initiate nor accept any requests from any department or agency of the United States government to enter into any program or Memorandum of Agreement that would commit Borough time, funds, efforts, or resources toward Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) non-criminal administrative enforcement activities, including entering into any agreement which authorizes any law enforcement officer of the Borough of Oxford to apply and enforce federal immigration law under Section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, codified at 8 U.S.C. § 1357(g), more commonly known as a "287(g) Agreement."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough of Oxford will continue to fully comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and may consult with the Borough Solicitor, the District Attorney's office, and other professional advisors as necessary to ensure the protection of the rights and liberties of all residents.

DULY PRESENTED AND ADOPTED by the Council for the Borough of Oxford, Chester County, Pennsylvania, this 23rd day of February, 2026.

OXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL


KATHRYN CLOYD, President

ATTEST:


PAULINE GARCIA-ALLEN, Secretary

