

RESOLUTION No. 25- 16d

**RESOLUTION PROHIBITING THE USE OF VILLAGE PARKING LOTS, VACANT LOTS,
AND GARAGES FOR CIVIL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT STAGING AREAS,
PROCESSING LOCATIONS, OR OPERATIONS BASES**

WHEREAS, the Village of Wheeling ("Village"), Cook and Lake Counties, Illinois, is a home-rule unit of local government pursuant to Article 7, Section 6 of the Constitution of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wheeling are committed to ensuring the safety, dignity, and human rights of all residents, regardless of race, religion, immigration status, or national origin; and

WHEREAS the unauthorized use of the Village of Wheeling's resources, property, or personnel to facilitate civil immigration enforcement actions interferes with the Village of Wheeling's authority over, and its use of, its own resources, property, and personnel; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WHEELING, COOK AND LAKE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Prohibition on Use of Village-Owned Parking Lots, Vacant Lots, and Garages.

No Village-owned and controlled parking lot, vacant lot, or garage shall be used as a staging area, processing location, or operations base for civil immigration enforcement.

For purposes of this resolution, "staging area" means an area that is used to assemble, mobilize, and deploy vehicles, equipment, or materials, and related personnel, for the purpose of carrying out civil immigration enforcement operations.

Section 2. Implementation and Enforcement.

Village Departments shall collaborate to identify Village-owned and -controlled parking lots, vacant lots, or garages that either have been used, or are likely to be used in the future, as staging areas, processing locations, or operations bases for the purpose of civil immigration enforcement. Village Departments shall ensure that all such properties have clear signage stating:

**This property is owned and controlled by the Village of Wheeling.
It may not be used for civil immigration enforcement as a:
Staging Area, Processing Location, or Operations Base.**

Village Departments shall further ensure that, wherever appropriate, physical barriers such as locked gates are used to limit access to Village-owned and -controlled parking lots, vacant lots, or garages consistent with this resolution.

Within five (5) days of the execution of this resolution, Village Departments shall develop the procedures necessary to implement this resolution. These implementing procedures shall provide that any Village employee who becomes aware of the attempted or actual use of a Village-owned and -controlled parking lot, vacant lot, or garage as a staging area, processing location, or operations base for civil immigration enforcement shall immediately report to their supervisor, who will communicate with the Village Manager.

Section 3. Scope.

This resolution does not apply to property that is subject to an existing lease or concession agreement to which the Village is a party. This resolution is not intended to, and shall not be interpreted to, interfere with any such lease or agreement.

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

This resolution does not prohibit the lawful use of Village-owned and -controlled property for purposes other than a staging area, processing location, or operations base for civil immigration enforcement, nor does it restrict any person or entity from carrying out functions unrelated to those purposes on such property.

Section 4. Effective Date

This resolution will take effect upon its passage by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wheeling.

Trustee WGAZ moved, second by Trustee LANG
that Resolution No. 25- 161 be adopted.

President Horcher	<u>Aye</u>	Trustee Ruffatto	<u>Aye</u>
Trustee Krueger	<u>Aye</u>	Trustee Vito	<u>NO</u>
Trustee Lang	<u>Aye</u>	Trustee Vogel	<u>Aye</u>
Trustee Papantos	<u>Aye</u>		

ADOPTED this 3rd day of November 2025, by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Wheeling, Illinois.

Patrick Horcher
Patrick Horcher
Village President

ATTEST:
Karen Henneberry
Karen Henneberry
Deputy Village Clerk



STATE OF ILLINOIS }
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COUNTIES OF COOK AND LAKE }

CERTIFICATE

I, KAREN HENNEBERRY, do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed Deputy Village Clerk of the Village of Wheeling, Cook, and Lake Counties, Illinois, and as such officer, I have the lawful power and duty to keep a record of all proceedings of the Village Board, of said Village of Wheeling, and of all Ordinances and Resolutions presented to or passed by said Village Board, and of official Village documents.

I HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY that the foregoing documents are true, correct, and complete copies of:


WHEELING RESOLUTION #2025-161

RESOLUTION PROHIBITING THE USE OF VILLAGE PARKING LOTS, VACANT LOTS, AND GARAGES FOR CIVIL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT STAGING AREAS, PROCESSING LOCATIONS, OR OPERATIONS BASES

PASSED NOVEMBER 3, 2025

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of the Village of Wheeling, this 4th day of November 2025.





by Karen Henneberry - Deputy Village Clerk
Village of Wheeling
Cook and Lake Counties, IL.



Agenda Item Details

Meeting	Nov 03, 2025 - Village Board Regular Meeting Agenda
Category	13. New Business - All Listed Items for Discussion and Possible Action
Subject	A. Resolution Prohibiting the Use of Village Parking Lots, Vacant Lots, and Garages for Civil Immigration Enforcement Staging Areas, Processing Locations, or Operations Bases
Access	Public
Type	Action (Consent)
Fiscal Impact	No
Recommended Action	Motion to Approve
Goals	Residential Life

Public Content

From: Jon A. Sfondilis, Village Manager

Subject: Resolution Prohibiting the Use of Village Property for Civil Immigration Enforcement Staging Areas, Processing Locations, or Operations Bases

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Enclosed for the Village Board's consideration and approval is a resolution prohibiting the use of Village parking lots, vacant lots, and garages for civil immigration enforcement staging areas, processing locations, or operations bases. This resolution reaffirms the Village's commitment to ensuring all residents' safety, dignity, and human rights, regardless of race, religion, immigration status, or national origin. It establishes clear limitations on how outside entities, including federal immigration enforcement agencies, may use Village-owned property.

MEMO

The key provisions of the proposed resolution are as follows:

1. *Prohibition of Use:*

Parking lots, vacant lots, and garages that are owned and controlled by the Village may not be used as staging areas, processing locations, or operations bases for civil immigration enforcement.

2. *Implementation and Enforcement:*

The resolution defines a "staging area" as a location used to assemble, mobilize, and deploy vehicles, equipment, materials, or related personnel for the purpose of carrying out immigration enforcement operations. Village departments will identify and secure any properties subject to such unauthorized use. Village personnel will install clear signage stating that the property may not be used for civil immigration enforcement:

This property is owned and controlled by the Village of Wheeling.

It may not be used for civil immigration enforcement as a: Staging Area, Processing Location, or Operations Base.

Within five (5) days of the resolution's passage, Village departments will develop and implement internal procedures to enforce compliance. Any Village employee aware of such activity must immediately report the activity to their supervisor, who will notify the Village Manager.

3. *Scope and Limitations:*

The resolution does not prohibit federal agents from entering the public portions of Village-owned property for purposes of conducting immigration enforcement activities, nor does it interfere with lawful judicial warrants or criminal law enforcement actions. It does not apply to Village property under existing leases or concession agreements, and does not otherwise prohibit lawful activities unrelated to staging, processing, or setting up operations for civil immigration enforcement on Village property.

4. *Effective Date:*

The resolution will take effect immediately upon passage by the Board of Trustees.

Legal Context and Reasoning

As a home-rule municipality under Article 7, Section 6 of the Illinois Constitution, the Village of Wheeling has the authority to regulate the use of its property and resources to protect the welfare and safety of its residents.

This action ensures that the Village maintains local control over its assets and upholds its commitment to equitable treatment and community trust.

The resolution is consistent with similar policies enacted by other Illinois municipalities and does not impede lawful federal activities conducted under judicial authority.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the resolution prohibiting the use of Village parking lots, vacant lots, and garages for civil immigration enforcement staging areas, processing locations, or operations bases be approved as presented.

Strategic Plan Theme:

Residential Life

[Village of Wheeling Village properties resolution.pdf \(120 KB\)](#)

Administrative Content

Executive Content

All items listed on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Village Board and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Board member or citizen so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the general order of business and considered after all other Agenda items.

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