

City of Covington Statement on Immigration March 12, 2025

The City of Covington was made aware today that federal agents were in Northern Kentucky conducting surveillance and enforcing warrants.

To be clear, Covington and its Police Department had no role in and did not participate in the federal operation. Nevertheless, actions like these have created confusion and anxiety in our community.

Our position is this: Every Covington citizen has Constitutional rights and deserves to be treated with dignity, and we will continue operating according to those principles.

The priority of Covington's Police Department is enforcing local and state laws aimed at keeping all of its residents, workers, and visitors safe. That has never been in question. We are not an arm of the federal government and have not been asked for specific help in enforcing national immigration laws.

Having said that, we have in the past worked with federal authorities on criminal investigations related to violent crimes and drugs and will continue to do so where appropriate and feasible. Any federal request for assistance related to such crimes will be reviewed by the City's Police Department.

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