

RESOLUTION

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Proposing Amendments to the Hennepin County Jail Contract to Improve Procedures for Minneapolis Arrestees.

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis values, cares about, and seeks to provide equitable services to all residents of Minneapolis, regardless of their country of origin or immigration status; and

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis has a longstanding separation ordinance that restricts Minneapolis employees from inquiring about residents' immigration status, to ensure that all members of our community receive equitable public safety services from the City of Minneapolis; and

Whereas, our immigrant and refugee neighbors are increasingly the target of racist, xenophobic rhetoric, including from the President of the United States, and that the federal government has gone to extreme, inhumane lengths to increase cruel detention practices leading to the deportation of our neighbors;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the City Coordinator and the City Attorney are directed to work with Hennepin County and/or the Hennepin County Sherriff's Office to make the necessary amendments to our Hennepin County Jail contract or as otherwise appropriate to implement the operational changes needed to meet the following expectations:

1. People who have been arrested in the City of Minneapolis should be informed of their right not to answer any questions about their country of origin.

Additionally, "Know Your ICE Rights" informational cards should be given to arrestees and displayed in plain sight in multiple languages inside the Jail similar to those posted in Minneapolis Police Department squad cars.

2. To the extent allowed by applicable laws and rules, Hennepin County and/or the Hennepin County Sherriff's Office should remove the question on Place of Birth from the jail booking sheet and the country of origin question should be reframed as a question as to whether a person who has been arrested would like the consulate for their country of origin to be notified of their arrest.
3. Hennepin County Sheriff's staff should follow the absolute minimum requirements for cooperation with federal immigration enforcement for all Minneapolis arrestees, and cease:
 - a. Unnecessarily informing U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) or any similar agency of the release of a person who is suspected of being undocumented.
 - b. Participating in direct "hand-offs" of people being released from the Hennepin County Jail directly into the custody of ICE or any similar agency.
 - c. Directly or indirectly facilitating ICE or any similar agency taking custody of any person being released from Hennepin County Jail.

4. Hennepin County and/or the Hennepin County Sherriff's Office should permit a jail booking tour at least every six months to attorneys from the City of Minneapolis' Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs, the Minneapolis City Attorney's Office, and outside attorneys invited by those attorneys.
5. If communication with ICE occurs, Hennepin County and/or the Hennepin County Sherriff's Office should comply with the following:
 - a. Ensure that the detainee contact with ICE is truly "voluntary" through creation of a form, available in multiple languages that the detainee reviews and signs indicating whether the person does or does not want to speak with ICE.
 - b. Provide a copy of the ICE detainer request form (Form I-247) to the detainee and detainee's counsel and provide notification to the detainee's attorney or family member if ICE will be notified of the detainee's release.
 - c. Every six months, provide the City Attorney with records on all ICE detainees.