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Mayor Burke Agendas Policy Re: Immigrants & Undocumented Aliens

(Hailey, Idaho) – Mayor Burke has requested that a Resolution setting in place City of Hailey policy for its staff and police department in dealing with immigrants and undocumented aliens be put before the Hailey City Council for consideration. The resolution will be heard on February 8, 2021 in a public hearing, and includes some of the following ideas:

The enforcement of federal immigration law falls exclusively within the authority of the federal government, and is outside the scope of the City’s law enforcement agencies’ public and community safety priorities. Requiring local law enforcement agencies to assist in the enforcement of civil immigration laws unnecessarily results in local governments expending limited resources to perform federal functions and diminishes the effectiveness of local law enforcement whose mission is to ensure public safety and a climate of trust for the City of Hailey.

City personnel, including police officers, shall not request documents relating to a person’s civil immigration status or inquire into the immigration status of an individual, including, but not limited to, a crime victim, a witness, or a person who calls or approaches the police seeking assistance, unless necessary to investigate criminal activity. The term “documents,” as included in this section, includes, but is not limited to: passports; immigration registration cards; and work permits.

City police officers shall not use any city funds, resources, personnel, time, or labor to enforce civil or administrative federal immigration laws.

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