

Proclamation

Declaring we are a welcoming and safe community and affirming humanity, dignity and constitutional principles

Whereas being a port and a Coast Guard city, Garibaldi depends upon and deeply appreciates the presence of diverse federal, state, and county agencies, who have for many years protected and served the public while respecting relevant laws, constitutional rights, and due process; and

Whereas public controversy has arisen in many part of the country regarding the enforcement of immigration laws, as some agencies, under pressure from quotas and political considerations, have adopted excessively aggressive and even unlawful tactics, leading to widespread fear that has undermined public trust and prevented law-abiding residents from attending church or school, accessing emergency services, reporting crimes, seeking medical care, and otherwise participating in civic life; and

Whereas these violations of civil rights have led to avoidable family separations, injuries and deaths, and to the denigration of our great country's reputation for freedom, equality, and respect for the rule of law;

Now, Therefore, we, the Councilors and Mayor of the City of Garibaldi, hereby

1. call upon all federal agents to carry out their missions lawfully and in mutual respect with the communities they serve and protect, following the due process required by the Constitution, relevant laws, and court decisions which apply to all law enforcement officers throughout the country; and
2. condemn the use of excessive force and belligerent tactics in immigration enforcement, including arrests without proper warrants, unmarked vehicles and masked personnel, military-style weapons, racial profiling, arbitrary revocation of status, detention under substandard conditions, and denial of bail or parole; and
3. support the rights guaranteed to both immigrants and citizens by the constitutions of the United States and of the State of Oregon, including the right to peacefully assemble, dissent, and exercise free speech, and to due process of law whenever suspected of an offense; and
4. reaffirm that our city is a diverse community, founded on the unceded lands of the Tillamook people and made up of immigrants, descendants of immigrants, and indigenous Americans, all of whom -- both residents and visitors -- are part of our economy, are valued for their unique contributions to the community, and should be able to live in safety without discrimination and enjoy the opportunities afforded by our city under the laws of our country and our state.

In Witness, Whereof, and with the consent of the Common Council of the City of Garibaldi, I herewith set my hand on this 19th day of October 2026.

Linda Bade, Mayor