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**STEUART PITTMAN  
County Executive**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 70**

**TO ENSURE A SAFE PLACE FOR ALL  
AND PROHIBIT USE OF COUNTY-OWNED FACILITIES BY  
U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, Anne Arundel County recognizes the role of the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (“ICE”) agency to enforce federal immigration within the bounds of its authority to do so; and

**WHEREAS**, Federal immigration law is enforced by the federal government, not by states or local governments, as the United States Constitution prohibits the federal government from coercing or commandeering states or local governments into assisting or facilitating the administration of federal law; and

**WHEREAS**, ICE officials over the past year have consistently employed tactics seemingly designed to create fear and escalate tension, including wearing masks and hiding their identities, refusing to identify themselves, using aggressive use of force, claiming the right to enter private homes without judicial warrants, and not using body-worn cameras. These practices are unfamiliar to Maryland law enforcement and do not meet the high ethical standards reflected in State and County laws, which jeopardizes public safety and erodes community trust in our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Anne Arundel County shall continue to prioritize public safety, including protecting residents from violence and ensuring accountability for all who perpetrate it; and

**WHEREAS**, ICE agents have been documented at various locations in the United States using parking lots owned or controlled by local governments as staging areas for civil immigration enforcement operations; and

**WHEREAS**, the resources and property owned and controlled by Anne Arundel County are owned and controlled by Anne Arundel County for the employees and residents of Anne Arundel County and not for the use of the federal government in enforcing immigration laws; and

**WHEREAS**, the use of County-Owned Facilities for civil immigration enforcement purposes undermines public safety and erodes trust between immigrant communities and essential public safety or health services; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of this Executive Order is to enhance community security by ensuring residents, including immigrants and other vulnerable groups, can interact with County departments, such as public safety agencies; that the constitutional rights of all County residents are protected and that County services and safety are accessible to everyone; and to establish clear, uniform rules governing the use of Anne Arundel County-owned facilities by ICE personnel for civil immigration enforcement activities, as the County seeks to ensure that County-owned property and resources are used in a manner consistent with County policy priorities and applicable federal and State law, to promote public trust and to safeguard the orderly operation of County-Owned Facilities.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Stuart Pittman, County Executive, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Charter and laws of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, hereby order and direct on this 2nd day of June, 2026, as follows:

1. For purposes of this Executive Order:

A. "County-Owned Facilities" means any real property, structure, or premises owned, leased, or controlled by Anne Arundel County, including but not limited to buildings, offices, parks, community centers, parking lots, parking garages, and vacant lots.

B. "ICE Enforcement Activities" means activities undertaken by United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement for civil immigration enforcement, including assembling, staging, mobilizing, or deploying equipment, materials, or personnel for the purpose of conducting enforcement operations.

C. "Valid Judicial Warrant" means a written order issued and signed by a federal or State judge or magistrate based on probable cause, authorizing a specific search, seizure, or arrest, and facially identifying the person, place, or things to be searched or seized. An administrative warrant, detainer, or similar document not signed by a judge or magistrate is not a valid judicial warrant for purposes of this Executive Order.

2. ICE personnel are prohibited from using County-Owned Facilities, including parking lots, parking garages, and vacant lots, for ICE Enforcement Activities, including but not limited to surveillance, assembling, staging, mobilizing, detention, vehicle storage, or deploying equipment, materials, or personnel.

3. The prohibition in Paragraph 2 herein shall not apply where:

A. The County-owned facility is a publicly available area open to the general public, where the County lacks legal authority to restrict entry;

B. Such use is expressly required by applicable federal or State law; or

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C. ICE personnel present a Valid Judicial Warrant as defined herein that specifically authorizes the use of identified County-Owned Facilities.

4. Nothing in this Executive Order restricts public access to County-Owned Facilities that are open to the general public on the same terms and conditions applicable to all members of the public, provided such access is not used to circumvent the prohibition in Paragraph 2 herein.

5. In the event of federal operations, including a surge in ICE agents or other federal officials, Anne Arundel County, through its public safety agencies, shall ensure, consistent with long-standing practice, that established de-escalation protocols are used to protect peaceful protestors and ensure public safety in the County. In the event that any person is injured when County officials are present, County officials shall immediately summon emergency medical services. First responders shall make all reasonable efforts to render aid according to long-standing protocols established by Anne Arundel Emergency Medical Services, the Anne Arundel County Police Department, the Anne Arundel County Fire Department, and the Anne Arundel County Office of Emergency Management.

6. The Anne Arundel County Police Department shall investigate all instances of violence, property damage, and allegations of criminal conduct, including incidents involving federal officials, and properly document such incidents. These investigations shall remain independent of any parallel federal inquiries. Additionally, the department shall, when appropriate, collaborate with and refer cases to the Anne Arundel County State's Attorney and the Maryland Attorney General.

7. Anne Arundel County Police shall employ de-escalation tactics per established Police policy in response to 911 calls regarding the warrantless entry of private homes and businesses, including by federal officials, to ensure the safety of all those present, consistent with its statutory authority, training, and established practices, including the use of body-worn cameras. Consistent with State and federal law, nothing in this section shall be interpreted to require or permit obstruction of federal immigration enforcement.

8. This Executive Order shall be construed consistently with applicable law and does not create any rights, privileges, benefits, or causes of action enforceable by any private party against Anne Arundel County or its officers, employees, or agents.

9. Nothing in this Executive Order limits the lawful duties of Anne Arundel County law enforcement officers or impairs cooperation required by law with other governmental entities.

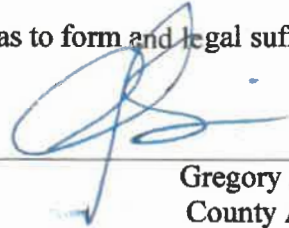
10. If any provision of this Executive Order is held invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision of this Executive Order which shall remain in full force and effect to the maximum extent permitted by law.

This Executive Order shall further be archived at the Office of Law and remain in existence until altered or terminated by another Executive Order.



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Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:



Gregory J. Swain  
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