



## **Federal Immigration Activity: Community FAQ**

### **Why is the Township sharing this information?**

Recent federal immigration activity in our region has caused fear and uncertainty for many residents. The Township is committed to providing clear, factual information about what we know, what we are doing, and what is within local authority without speculation or alarm.

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### **What are Bloomfield's values regarding immigrants?**

Bloomfield is committed to being a [Fair and Welcoming Community](#), and we have reiterated that commitment publicly when our town was explicitly targeted in federal rhetoric.

The Township Council unanimously passed a resolution supporting the New Jersey Immigrant Trust Act, which sought to strengthen protections so residents can access public services without fear of deportation or family separation.

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### **Does Bloomfield control or oversee federal immigration enforcement?**

No. Municipal governments do not oversee federal immigration enforcement. Oversight, transparency, and notification must be led by the State of New Jersey.

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### **Is Bloomfield coordinating with the State?**

Yes. The Mayor has communicated with the Governor's Office to support statewide efforts to improve transparency and accountability related to federal immigration activity. Governor Sherrill has committed to developing a statewide system that would allow residents to report concerns safely and responsibly. The Township will follow the State's lead on this effort.

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## **What are the Mayor and Township Council doing to protect residents from federal overreach?**

The Mayor and Township Council are actively using the tools available under Bloomfield's form of government to protect residents' rights and uphold New Jersey law, including conducting due diligence on potential resolutions and policy measures to ensure that any action taken is legally enforceable, effective, and not merely symbolic.

In parallel, the Mayor is coordinating with the Governor's Office, other local leaders, and state partners to support regional and statewide efforts that strengthen transparency, accountability, and protections related to federal immigration enforcement. The Township remains committed to acting lawfully, deliberately, and in the best interest of all residents.

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## **Does the Bloomfield Police Department work with ICE?**

No. The Bloomfield Police Department does not participate in federal immigration enforcement.

Police operations are guided by the New Jersey Attorney General's [Immigrant Trust Directive](#). Officers are focused solely on public safety, responding to crime, and serving residents, regardless of immigration status.

Bloomfield Police officers:

- Do not ask about immigration status
- Do not conduct civil immigration arrests
- Do not assist with immigration detainees beyond what the law requires

This separation is essential to maintaining trust and protecting community safety.

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## **Does the Township share information with ICE?**

The Township does not voluntarily share immigration status information with federal authorities.

Any information sharing that does occur is strictly governed by legal requirements. Bloomfield does not collect or provide information for the purpose of immigration enforcement.



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## **How does Bloomfield protect residents' civil rights?**

While the Township does not oversee federal enforcement, we are responsible for ensuring that our own employees act lawfully and do not facilitate violations of constitutional rights.

Protecting civil liberties is a responsibility the Township takes seriously.

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## **Where can residents find accurate information and resources?**

Bloomfield maintains a centralized list of immigrant rights resources on the [Township Website](#). This includes legal service providers, know-your-rights guidance, and information on how to respond if someone believes their rights have been violated

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## **How can residents support their community?**

Residents can help by checking on neighbors, sharing accurate information, and supporting trusted local nonprofits that provide legal or social services. A list of credible mutual aid and legal resources is available on the [Township website](#).

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## **How can I stay informed?**

Please rely on official Township, County, and State communications for verified updates. Residents are encouraged to avoid spreading unverified information and to be mindful of the fear and uncertainty many neighbors may be experiencing.