ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 21-16-09
of the
City Manager of the City of Eugene, Oregon

ESTABLISHING CITY POLICY PROHIBITING USE OF CITY RESOURCES BY CITY EMPLOYEES FOR PURPOSES OF DETECTING OR APPREHENDING PERSONS PRESENT IN THE CITY OF EUGENE IN VIOLATION OF FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAWS.

The City Manager of the City of Eugene finds that:

A. Under the provisions of Chapter IV, Section 16 of the Eugene Charter of 2002, the City Manager is designated as the administrative head of the City, specifically authorized to organize, and, as deemed necessary, disband and reorganize various City departments, and to enforce all ordinances of the City.

B. Oregon State Law (ORS) 181A.820(1) states: “No law enforcement agency of the State of Oregon or of any political subdivision of the state shall use agency moneys, equipment or personnel for the purpose of detecting or apprehending persons whose only violation of law is that they are persons of foreign citizenship present in the United States in violation of federal immigration laws.”

C. The City of Eugene has a long history of welcoming immigrants and fully supports ORS 181A.820. On November 14, 2016, the City of Eugene again demonstrated its dedication to embracing humanitarian efforts by the City Council’s adoption of Resolution No. 5154, declaring the City’s commitment to serve as a place of refuge for refugees from around the world.

D. It has long been an informal policy of the City of Eugene that all of its employees – and not just City law enforcement personnel -- adhere to the principles set out in ORS 181A.820.

E. In keeping with the City’s dedicated commitment to protecting and respecting all persons, it is important to ensure that all City employees act in conformance with the provisions of ORS 181A.820.

NOW, THEREFORE, based upon the above findings, I order that:

Section 1. City of Eugene law enforcement personnel shall continue to fully implement the provisions of ORS 181A.820. In addition, all other city employees are prohibited from using city moneys, equipment or personnel for the purpose of detecting or apprehending persons whose only violation of law is that they are persons of foreign citizenship present in the United States in violation of federal immigration laws.

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Section 2. The Executive Director for each City department shall convey this Policy to employees within their Department.

Dated and effective this 12th day of December, 2016.

Jon R. Ruiz  
City Manager