



Medford City Council  
Medford, Massachusetts

**MEETING DATE**

February 3, 2026

**SPONSORED BY**

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**AGENDA ITEM**

**26-031** - Resolution to Require Law Enforcement Identification and Protect Fourth Amendment Rights

**FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION**

Be it Resolved by the Medford City Council that the Public Health and Community Safety Committee meet to discuss ordinances, orders, policies, and resolutions to protect residents and secure basic constitutional rights on the following matters:

**Law Enforcement Identification and Public Trust**

A law enforcement officer shall not wear any mask or personal disguise while interacting with the public in the performance of their duties, except for:

- a. Medical grade masks that are surgical or N95 respirators designed to prevent transmission of airborne diseases and masks designed to protect against exposure to smoke or toxins only during a state of emergency; and
- b. As part of gear that is necessary to protect their faces from harm only during the performance of tactical operations in which the gear is typically worn.

**Fourth Amendment Protections**

All law enforcement agencies exercising their authority within the city limits of Medford shall abide by the Fourth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America. Specifically:

- a. No law enforcement officer shall seize persons or property without a judicial court-ordered warrant.
- b. No law enforcement officer shall enter a domicile or other privately owned building without either permission from the property owner or a judicial court ordered warrant.

**RECOMMENDATION**

## FISCAL IMPACT

## ATTACHMENTS

None