CITY OF SAINT PAUL CITY COUNCIL

# Ord 26-6 – Law Enforcement to Display Identification Requirement

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# Overview of Ord 26-6 - Summary

- Adds Ch. 268A to the Legislative Code – as a legislative ordinance

- **Requires law enforcement officers performing law enforcement duties in Saint Paul to visibly display their identification on the outer-most layer of their uniform.**

- **Identification includes both:**
    - **The name of the agency employing the Officer**
    - **Either a name or badge number or a name and badge number**

# Overview of Ord 26-6 - Additional Definitions

- Other terms defined –
  - **"Law Enforcement Agency" –** any governmental department, agency, office, or division with authority to detect and apprehend persons for violating federal, state, or local laws. Includes any federal law enforcement agency, any law enforcement agency of the State of Minnesota, any law enforcement agency of a city or any other local unit of government, and any law enforcement agency of another state.

  - **"Law Enforcement Officer" –** Any person elected, appointed, or employed by a Law Enforcement Agency empowered with the power to detect and apprehend people violating local, state, or federal laws.

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- Other terms defined –
  - **"Law Enforcement Duties" –** law enforcement operations involving
    - Proactive patrols on foot or on or in a vehicle
    - Detention or arrest of an individual
    - Deployment for crowd control purposes
  - **"Visibly display" –** to display in a size and location reasonably visible to a member of the public with whom the LEO interacts.

# Overview of Ord 26-5: ID Display Required

- A Law Enforcement Officer performing Law Enforcement Duties in the City must visibly display identification, except that the officer may decline to visibly display identification when:
  - **Conducting active undercover operations or investigative activities**
  - **Exigent circumstances, including those when the Officer is responding off-duty**
  - **Where there is a specific, articulable, and particularized reason to believe displaying ID would pose a significant danger to the Officer**
  - **Complying with applicable laws governing occupational health or reasonable accommodations**

# Overview of Ord 26-6: Criminal Penalty

- Any Law Enforcement Officer who willfully and knowingly violates the ordinance is guilty of a misdemeanor, and may be punished by fine, imprisonment, or both, as provided by **section 1.05 of the City Legislative Code**.

- Each violation of this chapter by a LEO on a given day is considered a separate violation.

- Effective 30 days after passage, signature by the Mayor, and publication in the City's newspaper.

# Questions?