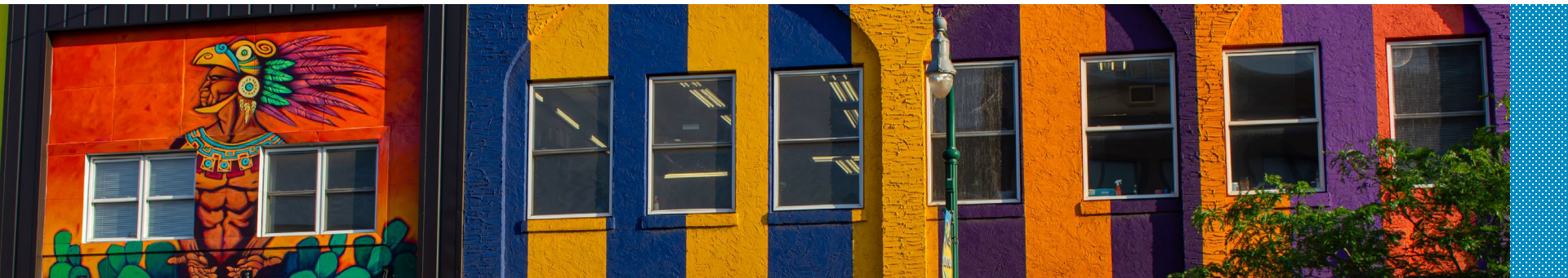




Law Enforcement Agency Agreements Accountability ordinance

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What does this ordinance do?

- Prohibits the City from entering into, or amending, a law enforcement joint powers agreement (JPA) unless an agency's officers are prohibited from concealing their identity while performing activities within the city of Minneapolis.
 - The prohibition applies regardless of dollar amount.
- Requires that a requester for JPA approval must disclose whether the agency has a concealment policy and whether the agency will apply that policy when it is operating within the city of Minneapolis regardless of whether the agency is operating under the terms of the proposed JPA.





The prohibition contains the following exemptions when an officer is:

- **Actively engaged in and performing their responsibilities in furtherance of an undercover assignment.**
 - The law enforcement agency would need to demonstrate that at the time the officer was masked they were actively engaged in and performing work in furtherance of an undercover assignment.
- **Wearing a shield or eye protection that does not conceal the officer's face** to protect the officer's face or eyes from harm.
- **Wearing a medical or facial covering to prevent the transmission of disease, infection, or bodily fluids during medical calls, emergency aid situations, or other interactions where protection of the officer, another individual, or the public is reasonably necessary.**
- **Wearing air-purifying respirators, self-contained breathing apparatus, or other facial protection** to protect themselves against exposure to any hazardous or harmful environmental condition or other recognized physical hazard.
- **Wearing a helmet** that covers the face when operating a motorcycle or other vehicle that requires a helmet for safe operation.
- **Assigned to Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team units, or agency equivalent, while actively performing their SWAT responsibilities and where protective gear is used for physical safety.**
- **Wearing a facial covering to protect against inclement weather if the facial covering has the officer's name and badge number visibly affixed.** Inclement weather means the temperature or wind chill is negative five (5) degrees Fahrenheit or colder as measured at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport.
- **Actively collecting evidence or taking photographs at a crime scene** when a facial covering is reasonably required to prevent contamination of the crime scene.





Why is this ordinance necessary?

- The City can ensure that when it enters a JPA with a law enforcement agency, its officers are identifiable to the public when the agency is acting under the terms of agreement.
- It is important that residents recognize those who are sworn to protect and serve them and to be able to report any misconduct.





When is the effective date of this ordinance?

- This ordinance is effective for JPAs entered into or amended on or after August 31, 2026.



