

Prairie Village Council Meeting February 2, 2026

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2026-02

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers, first responders, and public safety personnel serve their communities with dedication, professionalism, and courage, often placing themselves in harm's way to protect the lives, rights, and safety of others; and

WHEREAS, these individuals are entrusted with the difficult responsibility of enforcing the laws enacted through democratic processes, frequently under complex, high-risk, and rapidly evolving circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of police officers, federal agents, firefighters, emergency medical personnel, and other first responders carry out their duties honorably, lawfully, and with a deep commitment to public service; and

WHEREAS, effective law enforcement and emergency response are essential to maintaining public safety, protecting constitutional rights, and preserving the rule of law upon which this nation is founded; and

WHEREAS, public discourse surrounding law enforcement actions can at times contribute to misunderstanding, erosion of morale, and diminished trust, underscoring the importance of measured dialogue, due process, and factual review; and

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution affirms both the rule of law and the fundamental rights of its citizens, requiring a careful balance between public safety, civil liberties, and accountability;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Prairie Village, Kansas, that the City expresses its strong support and appreciation for law enforcement officers, first responders, and public safety personnel at the local, state, and federal levels who faithfully serve in accordance with the laws of this nation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City recognizes the professionalism, restraint, and judgment required of those tasked with enforcing the law, often under circumstances that involve uncertainty, personal risk, and intense public scrutiny; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City affirms its belief in due process and the importance of allowing investigations, reviews, and legal proceedings to proceed objectively and without prejudice or presumption; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City encourages mutual respect, constructive engagement, and open communication between communities and public safety agencies to strengthen trust, understanding, and cooperation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City acknowledges the critical role of first responders in safeguarding lives, responding to emergencies, and upholding the rule of law that underpins a safe and orderly society; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution be transmitted to appropriate local, state, and federal public safety agencies as a statement of the City's support, gratitude, and commitment to lawful governance and public safety.