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Minnetonka Official Offices Directory 2026: Court, City and Passports

The City publishes its own immigration resource page, and its value is not in offering reassurance but in writing down plainly what it cannot do. For one group of agencies we print no address at all, deliberately.

SHORT ANSWER

Start with the name: **there is no such place as the "Minnetonka immigration court."** The only immigration court in Minnesota is the **Fort Snelling Immigration Court**, and its name carries no municipal name. For a suburban reader the most useful line is in the parking lot: **parking at the building is free**. The light rail stop at the door, by contrast, is not a convenience for you, because **that line does not reach this city**; without a car this is a **three-leg transfer**. And the most expensive mistake up front: **the court does not docket faxes and electronic submissions it did not ask for, and discards them without notifying the sender**. The most valuable part of this guide, though, is the City's own **immigration resource page**. And **we publish no USCIS, ICE, CBP, SSA or IRS street address**, because we could not verify any of them from an official source this round.

The immigration court

ITEM	DETAIL
Court	Fort Snelling Immigration Court, the only immigration court in Minnesota
Address	Bishop Henry Whipple Federal Building, 1 Federal Drive, Suite 1850, Fort Snelling, MN 55111
Phone	612-725-3765
Public hours and window filing	8 a.m. to 4 p.m., weekdays; closed on federal holidays
General email	FortSnelling.Immigration.Court@usdoj.gov
Asylum clock requests	Asylum.Clock.Fort.Snelling@usdoj.gov. The request must include the name, the alien registration number and why the clock needs correcting; the court states this address is only for those requests
Parking	Free at the building . Visitor and accessible parking is reached from the road in front of the building, through the security booth
Transit	A light rail stop sits next to the court, but that line does not reach this city ; to board it you have to get to downtown Minneapolis or to the airport branch
Case status	acis.eoir.justice.gov (with your A number) · 1-800-898-7180

FIVE RULES FOR GOING TO COURT

- **Do not type the court's name into a navigation app.** The address has its own ZIP code, 55111, and the name carries no municipal name. Give a taxi or a map **1 Federal Drive**.
- **Free parking is the most useful line in this section.** If you live in a city with no transit operation of its own and no light rail, driving is already the most predictable option on a hearing day, and you pay nothing to park on arrival. Entry goes through the security booth, so there is no scenario where you turn back at the gate looking for a space.
- **Without a car this is a transfer, not a stop at the door.** The trip has three legs: a Metro Transit route or Transit Link service through the city, a transfer downtown or on the airport branch, then light rail to the stop next to the court. For someone in a large city that is a single boarding; for you it is three legs. **Allow at least an hour and a half of margin before the hearing time.**
- **Do not send a fax.** The court's own words: unless staff or the judge specifically requested it, faxes and electronic submissions are not accepted, and **unsolicited filings are not docketed and are discarded without review and without notice to the sender.** Faxing a time-sensitive document produces the same result as not filing it. Filing in person is possible from this city but costs **half a day**, so do not leave it to the last day.
- **Check on the morning of the hearing whether the court is closed.** The court itself lists severe weather among its closure reasons. On a snowy morning that is a question about the roads and about the car you left on the street.
- **Security on every visit:** there is a metal detector and a bag check, you may be asked to remove your shoes, food and drink are not permitted except where the judge allows, and cameras and recording devices are prohibited in courtrooms and other areas. **Hearings are open to the public** and the court states that no advance notice is needed to visit; because parking is free, seeing a courtroom once before your first hearing is genuinely doable from here. **A remote hearing is a possibility, not a right: the judge decides.**

The City's immigration resource page: the most valuable part of this guide

The City of Minnetonka publishes an Immigration Resources page under the heading Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. The page is organized around knowing your rights, housing, legal aid and food, and it provides its links in **English, Spanish, Somali, Oromo and Hmong; there is no Turkish**, and we report that as it stands. Let us set the frame up front, because it is easy to misread: **this is not a council resolution, not an ordinance and not a statute.** Its value is not in offering reassurance but in **writing down plainly what cannot be done.**

- **The page publishes the statement of the Hennepin County Chiefs of Police Association as it stands:** that officers do not ask about citizenship status or immigration documents, and that **civil immigration violations fall outside their jurisdiction and are the responsibility of federal authorities.** The statement appears on the page in English, Spanish, Somali and Russian.
- **But we have to state the legal character of that statement correctly:** it is an association statement, not a city ordinance and not a statute. A statement can be withdrawn, a practice can change, and an association statement creates no right in court. **That is why we do not present it as a protection.**

- **We print one contradiction without correcting it.** The page carries the statement with the date **January 25, 2025**, while nearly all the surrounding documents on the page are dated **2026**. So either a 2025 statement was republished in a 2026 context, or there is a year error on the page. **We do not correct the year ourselves and we do not speculate**; if the date matters to you, ask the City and ask for the answer in writing.

The page's cannot-do section, given the same weight

QUESTION	THE PAGE'S ANSWER
Do federal immigration agents notify local police before an operation?	No. The page states that federal agents do not inform local police before an operation
Is there an obligation to report afterward?	None. The page says there is no obligation to report to local police after an operation
Are local police dispatched to observe an operation?	They are not. Officers are not dispatched to observe, but incoming emergency calls are answered
Can the council prohibit agents from wearing masks?	It cannot. In the page's own words federal policy permits agents to wear masks, so this is not within the council's authority
Can local police arrest a federal agent for a rights violation?	They cannot. Officers can, however, intervene, investigate and ask questions
Does the answer change where the National Guard is involved?	It does not. The page says the same answers apply to the National Guard

How this table is read matters. A reader may take these lines to mean "the city protects me," when every one of them says the opposite: the City has no way to anticipate an operation, to stop one, or to hold anyone to account afterward. **That is precisely where the page's value lies**, because it gives you a reality instead of a reassurance.

THE REST OF THE SAME PAGE, AND THE ABSENCE OF ANY PROMISE OF PROTECTION

- **The City is a founding member of the Cities for Safe and Stable Communities coalition.** The page states it is a founding member of this nonpartisan coalition of cities and lists several joint statements published during 2026. **But membership in a coalition is not an authority;** the table above already shows that.
- **The City prints its own disclaimer too:** the resources it lists **do not necessarily reflect the City's views** and **are not legal advice.** So even the City does not vouch for that list.
- **We do not name the legal aid, housing and food organizations the page links to,** because we could not verify any of them from their own sites this round. Read the list from the City's own page.
- **We could not verify a city ordinance.** We could not verify this round whether the City has an ordinance in force on cooperation with immigration enforcement. **We do not say there is none;** we say we could not verify it.
- **We could not verify a statute in force on the state side either.** What we have is **two opinions** of the Minnesota Attorney General, that is legal opinions, not a statute and not a court decision, and both are at **MEDIUM** confidence because the office's server never opened this round. **They need to be confirmed by an attorney.**
- **Hennepin County's delegation agreement status is unknown.** The participating agency list and the data files we tried were inaccessible. Because, under the December 2025 opinion, such an agreement can only come about **by a resolution of the county board,** the place to look is **the county board's agendas and meeting minutes.**
- **And nowhere, in the language of any of these documents, is there a promise of protection.** The position is also moving: this area shifted through 2025 and 2026, and what you read today may not hold in six months. **Do not use it to decide where to live.**

The agencies whose addresses we do not print, and why

- **USCIS:** the agency's pages were closed to automated access this round and the archive record was inaccessible too. **We do not publish an office address from an old archive.** What you need to know is the office types: a **field office** conducts interviews, an **application support center** takes fingerprints and a photo, and they are not the same place. You do not choose the support center; which one you go to is stated in the **I-797C notice**, and in a suburb that center is usually not in your own municipality. The appointment is free and the Contact Center is **1-800-375-5283**; intermediary sites charging for an appointment are a scam.
- **ICE and CBP:** no office address, phone number or name is published. Confirm reporting locations from the agency's own check-in page; if you hold an appointment notice, **the address on that notice controls.** The detention information line is **1-888-351-4024.** We **could not verify** the location or hours of the office that corrects I-94 errors made at entry in this metro; some of these offices are open only a few hours a week, so **write first, travel second.**
- **Social Security Administration:** we could not confirm a single Minnesota office from an official source this round. Which office serves you is determined by your **ZIP code**; ssa.gov/locator, general line 1-800-772-1213. **Assume from the start that there is no federal counter in this city,** and calculate your departure time from the transfer point rather than from your own street.

- **IRS:** we could not verify the list of offices performing ITIN document review for Minnesota and **we publish no IRS office address**. Confirm the office and the appointment from [the IRS office locator](#), appointment line 844-545-5640.
- **County human services:** we could not verify the addresses of the offices that take health and benefit applications either, because the county site did not open to research. Apply by phone and make an appointment: Minnesota Department of Human Services line **1-800-657-3672**, MNsure **1-855-366-7873**. Ask on the first call whether the transaction runs in person, by phone or online; from a suburb that can save you a wasted trip.
- **Winter closures are a real risk here:** federal offices can close in a snowstorm or another emergency. For January and February appointments check the agency's notice page that morning and leave early. And correct one reflex: **this city does not declare a snow emergency**, and the street rules are already in force at every snow event.

Passports: there is no acceptance facility in this city

The State Department's own data file lists **125 acceptance facilities** in the state spread across 112 separate cities, **but none of them is in Minnetonka**. The good news is that this city sits inside the metro with close neighbors, so the distances are short. The order below is by distance; the first two rows are in Hopkins and Wayzata, which border this city directly.

FACILITY	ADDRESS	PHONE AND HOURS
Hopkins Post Office	910 1st Street South, Hopkins, MN 55343	952-933-4880; weekdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., closed 2 to 3 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to noon
City of Wayzata Motor Vehicle Dept	600 Rice St E, Wayzata, MN 55391	952-404-5320; Monday through Thursday 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. , closed 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Friday 7 to 10:30 a.m. Appointments preferred , walk-ins taken as capacity allows
USPO - Wayzata	229 Minnetonka Ave S, Wayzata, MN 55391	952-475-6809; weekdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., closed noon to 1 p.m.
Normandale Post Office	5108 W 74th St, Edina, MN 55439	952-835-1150; there is a conflict: the data file gives both weekdays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and, separately for Friday, 10 a.m. to noon. We take no side; if you plan to go on a Friday, call
City of Bloomington	1800 W Old Shakopee Rd., Bloomington, MN 55431	952-563-8728. The published note is explicit: appointments are taken only online through its own site
Crystal Retail Station	5550 West Broadway, Crystal, MN 55428	763-536-0493; weekdays 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., closed 1 to 2 p.m.
USPO - Hamel	105 Hamel Rd., Hamel, MN 55340	763-478-6741; weekdays 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., closed noon to 1:45 p.m.

- **The Saturday opening is the most valuable row on this list.** The post office in Hopkins is open Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon, and Hopkins is right next door. It is a two-hour window, so count on a line and go in the first hour.
- **The counter that opens at 7 a.m. is the second most valuable row.** At the municipal counter in Wayzata the door opens at seven Monday through Thursday, so this is a job you can finish before work. But it **closes over lunch** and Friday is mornings only; do not go in the middle of the day.
- **Appointment systems differ from one another, and in a suburb that is a sharper distinction,** because each facility is in a different municipality. **"Nearest facility" and "open today with an appointment I can get" are two different questions.**
- **Whether photocopying is offered on site can save you a day.** If a copy of your document is missing, a counter with copy service solves it there. Ask about that before you go.
- **These hours were read from coded data.** We took them from the department's own acceptance facility data file, but that file has malformed rows elsewhere and you can see the trace of one in the row above. **Do not travel on the strength of a single row; call.** Get the full list from [the acceptance facility search](#) with your ZIP code.
- **Renewals are done by mail** and need no acceptance facility. In person applies to: first-time adult applicants, children under 16, people whose passport was lost, stolen or damaged, and people whose passport was issued before they turned 16 or is more than 15 years old.
- **For urgent travel the state's only agency is in downtown Minneapolis,** 212 3rd Ave S, **by appointment only**, weekdays. Who qualifies: international travel within **14 calendar days**, or a foreign visa needed within **28 calendar days**; death and life-threatening situations are a separate category. Appointments and information at **877-487-2778**. **Do not take non-urgent business to the agency.**
- **We print one conflict:** two official sources give two different opening times for the agency, one **8 a.m.** and the other **8:30 a.m.**; both give 3 p.m. for closing. **We take no side.** Go by the time on your appointment confirmation and call before you leave. From here this is not a walk but a drive plus an appointment; **reaching the door by light rail is not possible from this city.**
- **This section is about the U.S. passport.** A Turkish passport is not renewed at a post office; that is handled by the Consulate General in Chicago and is covered in our consulate guide.

County and city: which matter at which door

UNIT	DETAIL
Reporting a problem to the City	There is no 311 number. The channels are the service request form on the site, a staff directory , and a text and email notification service . If you know which department owns the issue, the staff directory can be faster than the form. Not having received a notification is not an excuse
Water, sewer and trash billing	Utility billing 952-939-8255 · public works 952-988-8400 · after hours 952-258-5321 · automated payments 855-945-3661 . The account is not opened in a renter's name , and residential bills arrive quarterly
City hall	14600 Minnetonka Blvd. The government runs on a council and city manager model: a mayor, two at-large members and four ward members , with four-year terms. On a neighborhood-scale issue the person to write to is your own ward member

UNIT	DETAIL
Housing and redevelopment matters	The council also sits as the Economic Development Authority and in that capacity handles economic development, housing and redevelopment. If you are writing, ask in which capacity the matter is being heard
Parking citations and towing	Enforcement runs through the Minnetonka Police Department traffic and parking side. We could not verify which unit a citation is paid to , so read the address off the ticket. The lot address, the fee schedule and who may claim were not found
Marriage license	Issued by Hennepin County and processed at Hennepin County Service Center locations; general line 612-348-8240 , weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Online pre-application first, then both of you in person. Appointments cannot be made more than four weeks ahead , walk-in service is limited , and one transaction per appointment
Birth and death certificates	According to the Minnesota Department of Health, all 87 counties work on the same system and serve you regardless of where you live . The nearest county counter is enough. For a person without acceptable identification there is a statement of identification route; fill the form in at home and bring it
Homestead classification	To the Hennepin County Assessor, by December 31 ; an ITIN is accepted. An appeal of a valuation also runs through the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization within the council
Library	Minnetonka Library, 17524 Excelsior Blvd., 612-543-5725 · Ridgedale Library, 12601 Ridgedale Dr., 612-543-8800 . The card is free, no number appears in the published terms, and the system has 41 locations
Apostille	The authentication desk of the Minnesota Secretary of State, First National Bank Building, 332 Minnesota Street, Suite N201, Saint Paul, MN 55101 · (651) 296-2803 or 1-877-551-6767, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. · apostille.oss@state.mn.us · 5 \$ per apostille · in person by appointment , with appointments opening 14 days ahead

FEES WE LEAVE BLANK ON PURPOSE

- **We print no amount currently collected for a marriage license.** Two official sources give two different figures: the statutory text shows the ordinary fee at **125 dollars** and the fee with premarital education at **50 dollars**; the county's own page in October 2026 shows **115** and **40**. **We do not choose which is right; one of the two has to change.** Ask the fee and the accepted payment methods on the phone when you book.
- **We could not verify the county fee for a certified birth record,** and we recorded more than one conflict on the fee side in this state; rather than guess, we leave it blank.
- **The county's marriage license and service center pages could not be reached directly** and the information was read from those pages' search index, so we give the procedural detail in this section at **medium confidence**. Confirm by phone before you go.
- **There is a payment conflict on the apostille side:** the unit's mail form asks for a check or money order, while the same office's outreach page says **only credit or debit cards are accepted**. **Confirm in writing or by phone** which payment method applies on the channel you will use. We give no processing figure either: the unit states that documents are processed **in the order received** and that using expedited mail for the return does not speed up processing.
- **We could not verify the City's own business license types and fees either.** A City or county license may be required for activities such as restaurants, salons and child care; ask the City through its own service request channel before you complete formation, and ask for the answer in writing.

Emergency numbers

LINE	NUMBER
Emergency (police, ambulance, fire)	911
Suicide and crisis line (interpreter support available)	988
Detention information line	1-888-351-4024
USCIS Contact Center	1-800-375-5283
Refugee and immigrant assistance line	1-800-814-4806 (this item should be confirmed)
City public works and after-hours emergency	952-988-8400 · 952-258-5321

Addresses and hours change. No USCIS, ICE, CBP, SSA or IRS street address was printed here, because none could be confirmed from an official source this round; always go to the address on your appointment notice. The passport agency's opening time differs between two official sources, and for one acceptance facility the data file conflicts with itself on Friday hours. Information as of October 9, 2026.



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