



WOLFF'S FLEA MARKET wolffs.com

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Wolff's Flea Market supports our vendors, families and small businesses.

Our respected patrons are a significant part of our community, revenue and reputation. Affected individuals and businesses all lose income if something happens.

We are sharing more information compiled from a variety of sources regarding ICE. We are not offering legal advice or predicting outcomes from actions taken by agents or individuals. This information not inclusive of all possible scenarios. Patrons should choose for themselves if they are comfortable attending the market and research their own situation. We have no solutions and recognize that sharing these thoughts could bring up other topics for discussion. We are not here to debate or change opinions, but to share what we have observed and learned to this point.

DID YOU KNOW THEY WERE COMING?

1. No. We and the police receive no advance communication from federal ICE agents
2. We cannot predict when and if they will show
3. We will only know they are here when we see them arrive

BUT ISN'T THE FLEA MARKET PRIVATE PROPERTY?

1. Despite various opinions, right now there is no precedent or ruling as to if the parking lot and/or market are public or private property, even though we charge admission
2. We plan to go with our opinion that the market is *private property* and agents need to show a *Signed Judicial Warrant* for entry
3. If they deem it as public, then no warrant is legally required for entry

SO YOU WILL JUST "LET THEM IN"?

1. We don't want this situation to happen and pray it doesn't
2. Signs will be posted that ICE cannot enter without a judicial warrant
3. Staff will request agents wait outside the entrance and call for the owners
4. We hope agents would wait for us rather than enter
5. Owners will ask for a *Judicial Warrant* that would allow entry to the market (see below)
6. Please know that we cannot physically prevent or stop the actions of armed federal agents - we can only verbally protest if a judicial warrant is not provided
7. We do not want to escalate to an unsafe and unproductive situation

OUR COMMUNICATION WITH AGENTS

1. Owners are prepared to speak with agents
2. On our premise that we are private property, by law we can and will request a *Signed Judicial Warrant*
3. If they present this warrant, by law we must allow entry
4. If they do not provide one or if they provide an Administrative Warrant, we will verbally object to entry
5. However, they may choose to enter anyway
6. Please know that we cannot physically stop the actions of armed federal agents -we can only verbally protest
7. We will record and document our objections

BOTTOM LINE

1. Bottom line is that armed federal agents could choose to enter with or without a warrant
2. Federal agents have authority above local police and civilians
3. We cannot predict if agents deem us as private and present a signed judicial warrant or if they deem us as public and enter without one
4. Please attend the market at your own discretion
5. We will not engage in a physical barrier or confrontation to prevent entry
6. It is against the law to interfere with a federal agent and no one is prepared for that consequence
7. As you may have seen in the news, this can escalate and lead to negative scenarios

FEELINGS

1. Our diverse community is entitled to feelings and opinions
2. We are not here to debate, argue or place blame
3. We recognize this can be a life-impacting experience and some experience feelings of fear, sadness or anger
4. We pray to remain calm and assertive in our roles
5. We pray our employees feel safe knowing they do not need to engage with agents beyond a minimal entrance statement
6. We pray our patrons continue to be able to shop freely and sell successfully
7. Please do not misplace anger at an entity not responsible for the actions of agents
8. We support all hardworking small businesses and families who are part of the Wolff's Flea Market Community

RESOURCES - RIGHTS, LEGAL HELP, MORE

ILLINOIS COALITION FOR IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE RIGHTS (ICIRR)

(855) 435- 7693

(855) HELP-MY-FAMILY

<https://www.icirr.org/fsn>

<https://www.illinoisimmigrationinfo.org/know-your-rights>

locator.ice.gov/ODLS/#/search

