

RESOLUTION NO. R-21-23

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF GARLAND COUNTY, STATE OF ARKANSAS, A RESOLUTION TO BE ENTITLED:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE QUORUM COURT OF GARLAND COUNTY, ARKANSAS, AUTHORIZING THE GARLAND COUNTY JUDGE TO ESTABLISH A POLICY PROHIBITING THE USE OF EXCESSIVE FORCE BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WITHIN THE APPLICANT’S JURISDICTION AGAINST INDIVIDUALS ENGAGED IN NON-VIOLENT CIVIL RIGHT DEMONSTRATIONS.”

WHEREAS, the following resolution must be enacted by Garland County as a condition of the Arkansas Community and Economic Development Program funding.

WHEREAS, Garland County is applying for Arkansas Community and Economic Development Program funding.

WHEREAS, as required by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, it shall be the policy of the Garland County to ensure that the following are true:


- I. Garland County has adopted and is enforcing a policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations.
- II. The Garland County Sheriff’s Office will enforce all applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location, which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.
- III. In response to non-violent civil rights demonstrations, Garland County will be mindful and protective of the rights of all participants in such demonstrations, as well as any onlookers, bystanders, or any other persons located in the vicinity or owning property in the vicinity.
- IV. In connection with such demonstrations, the use of force shall be permitted only when necessary to protect the rights of individuals or to uphold the law. In no event, shall the use of force in excess of that necessary to achieve the lawful goals of Garland County be permitted.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF GARLAND COUNTY, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Consistent with the goals and objectives of activities assisted under the Act, as amended, Garland County hereby adopts and resolves to enforce the Policy Prohibiting the Use of Excessive Force by Law Enforcement Agencies.

Attest: 
Sarah Smith
Garland County Clerk

Approved: 
Darryl Mahoney
Garland County Judge

Sponsor: 
Matt McKee
Justice of the Peace

DATE: 09/13/2021

