



EXCESSIVE FORCE POLICY

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Ionia, held at the Ionia City Hall, 114 North Kidd Street, Ionia, Michigan, on the 5th day of July, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Milewski, Starr, Millard, Videtich, Gustafson, Lee, and Balice.

ABSENT: Waterman and Winters.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Council Member Millard and seconded by Council Member Gustafson:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IONIA, ADOPTING A
POLICY PROHIBITING THE USE OF EXCESSIVE FORCE AGAINST NON-
VIOLENT CIVIL RIGHTS DEMONSTRATORS**

WHEREAS the Congress of the United States has passed the Armstrong/Walker “Excessive Force” Amendment (Section 104 (L)(1) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended) prohibiting the use of excessive force by a local law enforcement agency against any individual engaged in nonviolent civil rights demonstration within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS the City of Ionia has received a Michigan Community Development Block Grant and is required to comply with the Armstrong/Walker “Excessive Force” Amendment; and

WHEREAS the use of excessive force against demonstrators may cause the CITY to lose its grant or eligibility for future federal grants; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IONIA, MICHIGAN:

1. It is policy of the City that the use of excessive force is prohibited by local law enforcement agencies against individuals engaged in nonviolent civil rights demonstrations within the City.
2. The City will adopt and enforce a policy of enforcing applicable state and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location that is the subject of such nonviolent civil rights demonstrations.
3. The City Council directs the City Manager to work with the Public Safety Director to implement this Resolution by amending applicable public safety procedures.


Upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

AYES: Milewski, Starr, Millard, Videtich, Gustafson, Lee, and Balice.

NAYS: None.

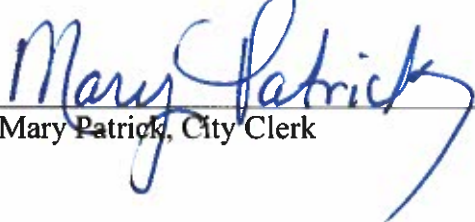
ABSENT: Waterman and Winters.

RESOLUTION 2023-13 DECLARED ADOPTED.



Mary Patrick, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Ionia at a regular meeting held this 5th day of July, 2023.



Mary Patrick, City Clerk