

**CITY OF HARTFORD
COUNTY OF VAN BUREN
STATE OF MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION 2023 - 024**



ADOPTING A POLICY PROHIBITING THE USE OF EXCESSIVE FORCE AGAINST NON-VIOLENT CIVIL RIGHTS DEMONSTRATORS

At a regular meeting of the City of Hartford Commission at 19 West Main Street called to order by Mayor Richard A. Hall on September 25, 2023 at 7:30pm.

The following resolution was offered:

Moved by Commissioner _____ and supported by Commissioner _____.

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 Hartford 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,

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.

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 which is the subject of such nonviolent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.

The City Council directs the Police Chief to implement this Resolution by amending applicable police department procedures.

YEAS: Commissioners

NAYS:

ABSENT:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

DATE: September 25, 2023

RoxAnn Rodney-Isbrecht, City Clerk

I RoxAnn Rodney-Isbrecht, Clerk for the City of Hartford, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the City Commission of the City of Hartford during a meeting held on September 25, 2023.

RoxAnn Rodney-Isbrecht, City Clerk
City of Hartford
19 West Main Street, Hartford MI 49057