

Village of Ridgeway

**POLICY ON NON-VIOLENT CIVIL RIGHTS DEMONSTRATIONS
TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF EXCESSIVE FORCE
AND TO ENFORCE APPLICABLE STATE AND LOCAL LAWS
PROHIBITING PHYSICALLY BARRING ENTRANCES & EXITS**

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-04

A resolution of the Village Board of the Village of Ridgeway, to adopt the policy to prohibit the use of excessive force and to enforce applicable state and local laws prohibiting physically barring entrances/exits for non-violent civil rights demonstrations:

WHEREAS Section 104 (l)(1) of [Title I of the Housing and Redevelopment Act of 1974](#) as amended ([42 U.S.C. 69](#) §5304(l)) prohibits the State from expending or obligating any Community Development Block Grant funds to any unit of general local government that does not have or adopt a policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by local law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in nonviolent civil rights demonstrations; and a policy of enforcing 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 demonstration within its jurisdiction;

AND WHEREAS it is in the interest of the Village of Ridgeway to pursue Community Development Block Grant Funds and to adopt policy that complies with Section 104 (l)(1) of [Title I of the Housing and Redevelopment Act of 1974](#) as amended ([42 U.S.C. 69](#) §5304(l));

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEWAY:

- I. It is POLICY of the VILLAGE to prohibit the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within the VILLAGE's jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in nonviolent civil rights demonstrations.
- II. It is POLICY of the VILLAGE to enforce 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 demonstration within the VILLAGE's jurisdiction.
- III. The officials and employees of the VILLAGE shall assist in the orderly prevention of all excessive force within the VILLAGE OF RIDGEWAY by implementing the authority and enforcement procedures set forth in Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.

IV. The VILLAGE BOARD directs the VILLAGE MARSHAL to implement this Resolution by amending applicable VILLAGE OF RIDGEWAY POLICE DEPARTMENT procedures.

PASSED BY THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEWAY.

Chief Elected Official Signature
Bradley Butler, Village President

Date 5/12/26

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk Signature
Lori Phelan, Village Clerk-Treasurer

Date 5/12/2026