

RESOLUTION 2021-24

APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF A POLICY PROHIBITING THE USE OF EXCESSIVE FORCE BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AGAINST NONVIOLENT CIVIL RIGHTS DEMONSTRATORS

WHEREAS, the U.S. Congress has passed the Armstrong/Walker “Excessive Force” Amendment (§ 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;

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

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:

FIRST, It is the policy of the City that the use of excessive force is prohibited by local law enforcement agencies against individuals engaged in lawful and nonviolent civil rights demonstrations within the City; and

SECOND, The Hamtramck Police Department has a long-standing 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; and

THIRD, The City Council directs the City Manager to publish this Resolution on the city’s website; and

FOURTH, The City Council directs the Chief of Police to repost in a conspicuous location within the police department the applicable departmental procedures prohibiting excessive force.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAMTRAMCK, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN THIS 23rd DAY OF FEBRUARY 2021.

AYES: Al-Marsoumi, Perrotta, Choudhury, Alsomiri, Almasmari

NAYS:

ABSENT: Hassan

ATTEST:


August Gitschlag, City Clerk