



Legislation Text

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RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A POLICY PROHIBITING THE USE OF EXCESSIVE FORCE BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WITHIN JONESBORO'S JURISDICTION AGAINST INDIVIDUALS ENGAGED IN NON-VIOLENT CIVIL RIGHTS DEMONSTRATIONS.

Whereas, Jonesboro, Arkansas is applying for Arkansas Community and Economic Development Program for IKE-2 Disaster funding; and

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

1. Jonesboro has adopted and is enforcing a policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by Jonesboro Police Department Officers against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations.
2. Jonesboro will ensure that all Jonesboro Police Department Officers 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 jurisdictions.
3. In response to non-violent civil rights demonstrations, Jonesboro 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.
4. 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 the City or Council be permitted.

Now, Therefore, be it resolved, that consistent with the goals and objectives of activities assisted under the Act, as amended, Jonesboro will adopt and enforce the policy contained herein.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 21st day of June, 2011.