

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-__

CITY OF TONTITOWN, WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS

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

WHEREAS, the City of Tontitown is applying for Arkansas Community and Economic Development Program funding; and

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

- I. The City has adopted and is enforcing this policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations.
- II. The City will ensure that all law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction 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 jurisdiction.
- III. In response to non-violent civil rights demonstrations, the City 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.
- IV. 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 be permitted.

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interest and benefit of the community to adopt and enforce the policy set forth herein to prohibit the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within the municipal jurisdiction of Tontitown against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Tontitown, Arkansas:

Section 1. That consistent with the goals and objectives of activities assisted under the Act, as amended, the City of Tontitown will adopt and enforce the policy contained herein.

Section 2. The Mayor and her designee are hereby authorized to take all such action as necessary in connection therewith.

PASSED AND APPROVED this ____ day of March 2024.

APPROVED:

Angela Russell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rhonda Ardemagni, City Clerk-Treasurer
(SEAL)