

Lee County Board of County Commissioners
**USE OF EXCESSIVE FORCE
IN NONVIOLENT CIVIL RIGHTS DEMONSTRATIONS**

RESOLUTION NO. 23-12-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A POLICY PROTECTING INDIVIDUALS ENGAGED IN NONVIOLENT CIVIL RIGHTS DEMONSTRATIONS.

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has passed Section 104(1) to the Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act stating that no CDBG or CDBG-DR funds may be obligated or expended by any unit of general local government that fails to adopt and enforce a policy of prohibiting the use of excessive force by local law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in nonviolent civil rights demonstrations; or fails to 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 nonviolent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction;

AND WHEREAS, the Lee County has received a Community Development Block Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and is required to comply with the Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act;

AND WHEREAS, the failure to enforce such policies may cause Lee County to lose its grant or eligibility for future federal grants;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1 It is the POLICY of Lee County that excessive force by local law enforcement agencies shall not be used against individuals engaged in lawful and nonviolent civil rights demonstrations within the County boundaries.

SECTION 2 It is the POLICY of Lee County to enforce applicable state and local laws against the physical barring of an entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of nonviolent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.

SECTION 3 The Lee County Board of County Commissioners will coordinate with the County Sheriff's Office to implement this Resolution through existing Sheriff's Office procedures.

PASSED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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