

RESOLUTION 1909

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN EXCESSIVE FORCE POLICY.

WHEREAS, the City of West Branch has received federal funding through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program; and

WHEREAS, Section 519 of the Department of Veteran Affairs and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriation Act of 1990 requires that all CDBG recipients adopt and enforce a policy to prohibit the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within the recipients' s jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and

WHEREAS, all recipients of CDBG funds are further required to follow a policy of enforcing applicable stat and local laws against physically barring entrances or exits to a facility that is the subject of a nonviolent protest demonstration; and

WHEREAS, the City of West Branch endorses a policy prohibiting the use of excessive force and will inform all law enforcement personnel within its jurisdiction of this policy.

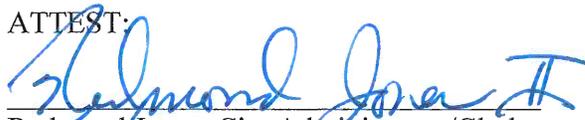
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of West Branch hereby prohibits any law enforcement agency operating within its jurisdiction from using excessive force against any individuals engaged in nonviolent civil rights demonstrations. In addition, the City of West Branch agrees to enforce any applicable state or local laws against physically barring entrances or exits from a facility or location that is the subject of a non-violent protest demonstration. The City of West Branch further pledges enforcement of this policy within its jurisdiction and encourages any individual or group who feels that the City of West Branch has not complied with this policy to file a complaint.

Information and assistance relative to excessive force shall be provided by the Chief of Police, Mike Horihan.

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Passed And Approved This 22nd Day Of June, 2020.


Roger Laughlin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Redmond Jones, City Administrator/Clerk