



**TOWN OF MANSFIELD**  
**RESOLUTION ADOPTING A POLICY PROHIBITING THE EXCESSIVE USE**  
**OF FORCE AGAINST ANY INDIVIDUAL ENGAGED IN NON-VIOLENT CIVIL**  
**RIGHTS DEMONSTRATION**

WHEREAS The Congress of the United States has passed the Armstrong/Walker "Excessive Force" Amendment (Section 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;

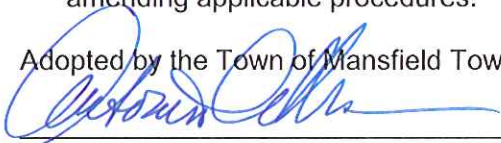
WHEREAS The Town of Mansfield as a recipient of Community Development Block Grant funds is required to comply with the Armstrong/Walker "Excessive Force" Amendment; and

WHEREAS The use of excessive force against demonstrators may cause the Town to be in violation of previous grant agreements and lose its eligibility for future federal grants;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MANSFIELD:

1. It is the policy of the Town 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 Town.
2. The Town hereby adopts 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 such nonviolent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.
3. The Town Council directs the Town Manager and Resident Trooper to implement this Resolution by amending applicable procedures.

Adopted by the Town of Mansfield Town Council on May 15, 2020.

  
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Antonia Moran  
Mayor

**Certified a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Town of Mansfield at a meeting of its Town Council on May 15, 2020 and which has not been rescinded or modified in any way whatsoever.**

5/19/2020  
Date  
(Seal)

  
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Sara-Ann Chaine, Town Clerk