

RESOLUTION NO. 43-98

COUNTY EXCESSIVE FORCE POLICY

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING POLICY PROTECTING INDIVIDUALS ENGAGED IN NONVIOLENT CIVIL RIGHTS DEMONSTRATION.

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has passed Section 104 (1) to the Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act stating that no CDBG 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 County of Mason has received a Community Development Block Grant and is required to comply with the Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act; and

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS;

SECTION 1 It is the Policy of the 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 the 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 County Commissioners will coordinate with the County Sheriff to

implement this Resolution.

PASSED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY OF MASON, WASHINGTON.
THIS 28th DAY OF April, 1998.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Rebecca S Rogers
CLERK OF THE BOARD

Jim Boland
CHAIRPERSON

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
And Pitt CHIEF DPA
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