

ORDINANCE NO. 831

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING EXCESSIVE
FORCE BY THE ST. JOHN POLICE DEPARTMENT
AGAINST INDIVIDUALS ENGAGED IN
NONVIOLENT CIVIL RIGHTS DEMONSTRATIONS
IN THE TOWN OF ST. JOHN, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, has received a letter of correspondence from the Lake County Community Economic Development Department; which letter has recommended that each municipality participating in Community Development Block Grant Funding from the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development pass an ordinance prohibiting excessive force by law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Town of St. John has participated in the CDBG Entitlement Program; and has never condoned excessive force by the Town of St. John Police Department, and particularly not against individuals engaged in nonviolent civil rights demonstrations; and

WHEREAS, Section 519 of Public Law 101-140 of the 1990 HUD Appropriations Act, prohibits excessive force by law enforcement agencies within the jurisdiction of the municipality against individuals engaged in nonviolent civil rights demonstrations.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, that the St. John Police Department is prohibited from using excessive force against individuals engaged in nonviolent civil rights demonstrations.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance supersedes all other actions, resolutions, ordinances of the Town should any previously adopted ordinance, resolution, or action be in conflict with the terms of this ordinance.

Passed and Adopted by the Town Council of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, this 12th day of Feb., 1990.

TOWN COUNCIL, TOWN OF ST. JOHN,
LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA



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ATTEST:


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