

**THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS
RESOLUTION 19-22**

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM THE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT INSURANCE TRUST FOR BODY CAMERAS FOR THE
TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Introduced by: Calvin Washington

WHEREAS, for the fiscal year 2022 the Local Government Insurance Trust ("LGIT") is funding a special equipment grant to help its member law enforcement agencies purchase officer worn body cameras; and

WHEREAS, body-worn cameras ("BWC's") by criminal justice practitioners is rapidly becoming standard service equipment for many law enforcement agencies across the nation, and LGIT believes using this type of device could have a direct impact on law enforcement liability; and

WHEREAS, to help its members purchase this equipment, the LGIT Board of Trustee's has authorized grant funding and grants to be reviewed by LGIT's Risk Management Committee to provide a grant for a member police agency to purchase cameras of their choice. However, no single grant request to a municipality can exceed \$5,000, and grant requests are further limited to one member police agency per fiscal year, whereby grants will be reviewed on a first come, first served basis as long as funding is available; and

WHEREAS, in 2019 Forest Heights Police Department has elected to purchase the Axon body camera based on their research and department needs and further recommended that the Town adopted a Law Enforcement Body Camera Policy, and

WHEREAS, Captain Marcus Jones applied, and the Forest Heights Police Department was awarded a grant from LGIT for \$5,000 towards the Forest Heights Police Department Body Camera program.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland hereby agrees to authorize and allow for the acceptance of a Law Enforcement Body Camera Grant from the Local Government Insurance Trust for the Forest Heights Police Department ("FHPD") in the amount of \$5,000.00 for FY2022.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, on behalf of the Town, is hereby authorized to accept a grant from the Local Government Insurance Trust for Body Cameras for the Town of Forest Heights Police Department.

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AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

PASSED this 20 day of April, 2022.

APPROVED: By Resolution of the Town Council of The Town of Forest Heights, Maryland

ROLL CALL VOTE

YEA/NAY/ABSTAIN/ABSENT

WASHINGTON

Yea

KENNEDY

Yea

NOBLE

Yea

BARNES

Yea

HINES

Yea

LILLY

Yea

ATKINSON

Abst

ATTEST:

THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN
OF FOREST HEIGHTS, MARYLAND

SIGNATURE ON FILE

Sherletta Hawkins, Town Clerk

SIGNATURE ON FILE

By: Calvin Washington, Mayor

SIGNATURE ON FILE

By: Tanya Hines, President

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby certify, as the duly appointed Town Clerk of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland, that on the 20 day of April, 2022 with 6 Aye votes and 0 Nay votes the aforesaid Resolution 19-22 passed.

SIGNATURE ON FILE

Sherletta Hawkins, Town Clerk