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## **EXECUTIVE ORDER #21-004**

## CITY OF FLINT EXECUTIVE ORDER ON GUN VIOLENCE-PROVIDE FINANCIAL INCENTIVES TO CERTIFIED OFFICERS IN GOOD STANDING FOR GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION

Sheldon A. Neeley Mayor

WHEREAS, on July 23, 2021, I issued a local Declaration of Emergency in accordance with the Michigan Emergency Management Act 390 of 1976 and Flint City Ordinance §14-5, to address gun violence. This Order declared a State of Emergency to exist in the City of Flint because of gun violence. Gun violence poses a serious threat to the health and quality of life of all residents of the City of Flint; and

WHEREAS, The City of Flint has been disproportionately affected by the direct and indirect consequences of gun violence; and homicides numbers are up 30.43% compared to this time in 2020; and to date there have been 39 homicides perpetrated and an 80% increase in non-fatal shootings in comparison to 2020; and

WHEREAS, Consistent with the Flint City Charter Declaration of Rights, "The people of Flint have mandated that the City shall provide for public peace and health and for the safety of persons and property in the City; and they require that City officers promote respect for these rights and freedoms;" and

WHEREAS, to address safety issues forthwith, to protect the public health and safety of City of Flint residents, it is necessary for financial incentives to be provided to increase and maintain the number of certified law enforcement officers in good standing for gun violence prevention.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, SHELDON A. NEELEY**, Mayor of the City of Flint with the authority vested in the Mayor of the City of Flint by law, I issue the following Executive Order providing financial incentives to increase and maintain certified law enforcement officers in good standing for gun violence prevention.

## IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. I issue Order 21-004 as reasonably and necessary provide financial incentives to increase and maintain certified law enforcement officers in good standing for gun violence prevention.
- 2. Human Resources create additional police officer positions as needed.
- 3. Electronic surveillance equipment be obtained to enhance officer safety and increase transparency.

- 4. Law enforcement officers work to get illegal guns of the streets and keep guns out of the hands of dangerous people, including but not limited to a focus on narcotic and firearm interdiction.
- 5. Confiscated weapons be destroyed in accordance with federal and state laws.
- 6. The Flint Police Department expand its investigations into recent homicides interconnected to cold cases.
- 7. Funding be used to implement Executive Order 21-004 in accordance with MCL 30.410(1)(c).

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that as soon as possible, this Order be filed in the Office of the City Clerk and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this Order.

This Order is not intended to, and does not; create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the City of Flint, its departments, entities, officers, employees, or any other person.

Effective Date: July 3, 2021, nunc pro tunc

Sheldon A. Neeley, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Angela Wheeler, Chief Legal Officer

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