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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

EDWARD YEN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**AMEND SECTION TITLE 13 – PUBLIC PEACE, MORALS AND WELFARE BY
RENEWING CHAPTER 13.200 OF THE COUNTY CODE TO ADOPT A MILITARY
EQUIPMENT USE POLICY PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 7071(E)
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The Los Angeles County (County) Sheriff's Department (Department) requests that the Board amend Title 13 – Public Peace, Morals and Welfare of the Los Angeles County Code by renewing Chapter 13.200 to adopt a military equipment use policy pursuant to Government Code section 7071(E).

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

Approve for introduction an ordinance amending Title 13 – Public Peace, Morals and Welfare by renewing Chapter 13.200 to adopt a Military Equipment Use Policy pursuant to Government Code section 7071(E) (attached to this transmittal).

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

California State Assembly Bill (AB) 481 (codified at Government Code sections 7070-7075) established requirements for the acquisition and use of military equipment by law enforcement and state agencies. Specifically, the law requires that law enforcement agencies create or update their military equipment policy with the approval of their governing body. Once the policy is established, it must be posted on the Department

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website, and the Department must submit an annual report regarding the use of the equipment and an inventory of the equipment.

The AB 481 requires the Department to adopt and obtain Board approval of a policy via an ordinance adopting the policy and making certain required findings.

On or about June 6, 2023, the Department publicly posted its proposed military equipment use policy and military equipment inventory list on its website, including a dedicated email address to which the public may submit comments and/or concerns. At that time, the Office of Inspector General (OIG) and the Civilian Oversight Commission (COC) were both advised of the proposed military equipment use policy and inventory list. These were modeled on policies and ordinances from other municipalities and comply with the requirements of AB 481.

Effective May 9, 2024, the Board approved the Department's Military Equipment Policy (Policy) via ordinance adopting the Policy and making the required findings. The Policy and dedicated email address for public comments/concerns remains posted on the Department's website. Pursuant to Government Code 7071(E), the Board must annually review the ordinance and Policy and vote on whether to renew the ordinance based on an annual military equipment report prepared by the Department.

On or about July 15, 2025, the Department publicly posted its 2024 Military Equipment Report (Report) on its website in accordance with Government Code section 7072. The Report was submitted to the Board via Board letter on August 26, 2025. Pursuant to Government Code section 7072(b), a public community engagement meeting was held on August 26, 2025, at which the public was given the opportunity to discuss and ask questions of the Department regarding the Report and the Department's acquisition, funding, and use of military equipment.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This request conforms to the County's Strategic Plan Goal North Star 3: Realize Tomorrow's Government Today, Focus Area Goal G. – Internal Controls and Processes, Strategy i. – Maximize Revenue: Implement a Process to Systematically Leverage Resources to Help Fund County Initiatives.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The Department maintains a Police Training – Ammunition & Weapons (PAMO) budget to maintain and store weapons, ordinance, and ammunition. Actual expenditures will be incurred on an as-needed basis, and allocations will be made to the Department's operating budget to meet the anticipated need each fiscal year.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The AB 481 requires a law enforcement agency to create a military equipment policy and obtain approval of that policy by its governing body by adoption of the policy via ordinance. The governing body's approval and adoption of a military equipment policy via ordinance is required prior to the law enforcement agency taking certain actions relating to the funding, acquisition, or use of "military equipment," as well as continued use of such equipment. Pursuant to Government Code section 7071(E), the governing body must annually review the ordinance and policy based on an annual military equipment report prepared by the law enforcement agency and vote whether to renew the ordinance approving and adopting the policy.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended action will allow the Department to comply with AB 481 requirements. No other County departments are impacted by this request.

CONCLUSION

Upon Board approval, please return a certified copy of the adopted Board letter and two original signed ordinances to the Office of Constitutional Policing.

Sincerely,



ROBERT G. LUNA
SHERIFF

ANALYSIS

This ordinance amends Title 13 – Public Peace, Morals and Welfare, by renewing Chapter 13.200, Division 14 of the Los Angeles County Code. Government Code section 7071 requires a law enforcement agency to obtain approval of the governing body through the adoption of an ordinance before engaging in certain activities relating to certain military equipment. On April 9, 2024, the Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance No. 2024-0016, which amended Title 13 – Public Peace, Morals and Welfare by adding Chapter 13.200 Division 14. Pursuant to Government Code section 7071(e), and Los Angeles County Code Section 13.200.010(E), the Board of Supervisors shall on an annual basis and at a regular meeting thereof review this Chapter and vote on whether to renew. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department wishes to obtain approval of its Military Equipment Use Policy pursuant to Government Code section 7071 through the adoption of this ordinance.

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Requested: 8/26/25
Revised: 9/26/25

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance amending Title 13 – Public Peace, Morals and Welfare of the Los Angeles County Code, by renewing Chapter 13.200, Division 14 of the Los Angeles County Code. Government Code section 7071 requires a law enforcement agency to obtain approval of the governing body through the adoption of an ordinance before engaging in certain activities relating to certain military equipment.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 13.200.010 is hereby renewed to read as follows:

13.200.010 Military Equipment Use.

A. Pursuant to Government Code section 7071, this Board approves and adopts the Sheriff's AB 481 Military Equipment Use Policy, reviewed by the Board and located on the Sheriff's public website (<https://lasd.org/transparency/ab481/>). The Military Equipment Use Policy has been publicly available on the Sheriff's website for at least 30 days prior to public hearing concerning the military equipment at issue.

B. The Board of Supervisors finds and declares as follows:

1. The equipment listed in the Sheriff's Military Equipment Use Policy is necessary because there is no reasonable alternative that can achieve the same objective of officer and civilian safety.

2. The Sheriff's Military Equipment Use Policy will safeguard the public's welfare, safety, civil rights, and civil liberties.

3. Purchase of the equipment listed in the Sheriff's Military Equipment Use Policy will be reasonably cost effective compared to available alternatives that can achieve the same objective of officer and civilian safety.

4. The Sheriff has taken action to remedy any nonconforming uses and ensure that any future use of military equipment will comply with the Military Equipment Use Policy.

5. The Sheriff's Military Equipment Use Policy shall be made publicly available on the Sheriff's website for as long as the military equipment is available for use or as otherwise ordained by the Board.

C. The Sheriff shall submit an annual military equipment report to the Board containing the information required by Government Code section 7072 and the Board shall thereafter determine whether each type of military equipment identified therein has complied with the standards for approval set forth in Government Code section 7071(d).

D. The Board shall on an annual basis and at a regular meeting thereof review this Chapter and vote on whether to renew pursuant to Government Code section 7071(e).

E. The definitions set forth in Government Code section 7070 shall apply to this Chapter. Any provision of state law referred to herein shall mean and include any amended or successor provision thereof.

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