

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF MONTEREY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, TO ADOPT A MILITARY EQUIPMENT USE POLICY PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 481

County Counsel Summary

This ordinance is in response to Assembly Bill ("AB") 481, which was signed into law by Governor Gavin Newsom on September 30, 2021 and is codified at Government Code section 7070 et seq. AB 481 requires California law enforcement agencies to obtain approval of their applicable governing body, by an ordinance adopting a military equipment use policy prior to taking certain actions relating to the funding, acquisition, and/or use of military equipment. This ordinance establishes a military equipment use policy by adding the attached "Military Equipment" policy to the Monterey County Sheriff's Office Policy Manual.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey hereby ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. FINDINGS.

A. On September 20, 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom signed Assembly Bill ("AB") 481 into law, which is codified at Government Code section 7070 et seq.

B. The legislative intent behind AB 481 is to increase the public transparency by which California law enforcement agencies fund, acquire, and/or use military equipment, as defined under AB 481.

C. AB 481 requires California law enforcement agencies to obtain approval of their applicable governing body, by an ordinance adopting a military equipment use policy prior to taking certain actions relating to the funding, acquisition, and/or use of military equipment.

D. AB 481 requires California law enforcement agencies that receive approval for a military equipment use policy to submit to the applicable governing body an annual military equipment report for each type of military equipment approved by the governing body within one year of approval, and annually thereafter so long as the military equipment is available for use.

E. AB 481 requires the applicable governing body of the California law enforcement agency to annually review the military equipment use policy to either disapprove a renewal of the authorization of a type of military equipment or amend the military equipment use policy.

SECTION 2. The attached policy, titled "Military Equipment", shall be added to the Monterey County Sheriff's Office Policy Manual.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The Board of Supervisors hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared invalid.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall become effective on the thirty-first day following its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2022, by the following vote:


AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:

Mary Adams, Chair,
Monterey County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

VALERIE RALPH
Clerk of the Board

By: _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

KELLY L. DONLON
Assistant County Counsel