



COUNCIL REPORT

DATE: May 27, 2025

CATEGORY: Consent

DEPT.: Police Department

TITLE: **AB 481 Military Equipment Annual Report and Policy Adoption (Second Reading)**

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt an Ordinance of the City of Mountain View Renewing Approval of Mountain View Police Department Military Equipment Use Policy, Adopting Updated Military Equipment Use Policy, and Finding That This Action is Not Subject to the California Environmental Quality Act, to be read in title only, further reading waived (Attachment 1 to the Council report). (First reading: 7-0)

SUMMARY

On [May 13, 2025](#), the City Council introduced an ordinance to renew the authorization of Mountain View Police Department (“MVPD”) Policy 709: Military Equipment (“Policy”), and update the Policy to include the current list of military equipment in MVPD’s inventory and identify military equipment MVPD proposes to add to its inventory in Fiscal Year 2025-26, in accordance with the requirements of AB 481. The City Council voted 7-0 to approve the ordinance at first reading.

This item is the second reading and final adoption of the ordinance.

FISCAL IMPACT

The MVPD anticipates purchasing ammunition, less-lethal projectiles, explosive breaching equipment, noise flash diversionary devices, and chemical munitions at the estimated total cost of \$18,000 to replace those anticipated to be used or to expire in the next fiscal year. The funding source for these items is the General Operating Fund. The MVPD also anticipates purchasing an ARV at an estimated cost of \$382,200 which is to be funded from the General Operating Fund, State Asset Forfeiture funds, and Shoreline Regional Park Community funds.

LEVINE ACT

California Government Code Section 84308 (also known as the Levine Act) prohibits city officials from participating in any proceeding involving a “license, permit, or other entitlement for use” if

the official has received a campaign contribution exceeding \$500 from a party, participant, or agent of a party or participant within the last 12 months. The Levine Act is intended to prevent financial influence on decisions that affect specific, identifiable persons or participants. For more information see the Fair Political Practices Commission website: www.fppc.ca.gov/learn/pay-to-play-limits-and-prohibitions.html

Please see below for information about whether the recommended action for this agenda item is subject to or exempt from the Levine Act.

EXEMPT FROM THE LEVINE ACT

General policy and legislative actions

PUBLIC NOTICING

Agenda posting. The ordinance was published at least two days prior to adoption in accordance with City Charter Section 522.

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Attachment: 1. Ordinance and Exhibit A (MVPD Policy 709: Military Equipment)