



PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

ORDINANCE SUMMARY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on July 24, 2023, the City Council of the City of Bell Gardens, California, introduced **Ordinance No. 936** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELL GARDENS, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A MILITARY EQUIPMENT POLICY GOVERNING THE USE OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 481

Proposed Ordinance Summary:

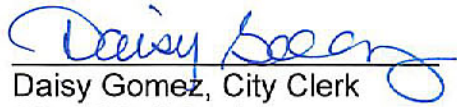
Whereas, AB 481 requires, among other things, that a law enforcement agency obtain approval of the governing body, by an ordinance adopting a military equipment use policy that includes a description of the equipment, quantity, capabilities, expected lifespan, purposes and authorized uses, fiscal impact, legal and procedural rules governing authorized uses, required training, and mechanisms to ensure compliance with the agency's use policy, prior to taking certain actions relating to the funding, acquisition or use of military equipment, including military equipment acquired prior to January 1, 2022; and the Bell Gardens Police Department is in possession of certain items of equipment that qualify as "military equipment" under AB 481; and the Bell Gardens Police Department has prepared a proposed Military Equipment Policy, and incorporated herein; and pursuant to Government Code section 7071(a)(2), if seeking to continue the use of any military equipment that was acquired prior to January 1, 2022, the Bell Gardens Police Department was obligated to, and has met the requirement, of commencing a City Council approval and annual renewal process for the Military Equipment Policy; and the Bell Gardens Police Department made the proposed Military Equipment Policy and report available on the Police Department's website for at least 30 days prior to introducing Ordinance No. 936 and held two (2) town hall meetings, at these public meetings, the Police Department provided a presentation summarizing the annual Report and Policy update and provided an opportunity for public comment and questions. Notice of these public presentations were posted on the City's website and publicized by the Department and City via agency social media accounts. The English meeting took place on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, and the Spanish meeting took place on Wednesday, July 5, 2023.

The City Council passed the Ordinance for public posting with the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Barcena, Chavez, Pulido and Mayor Pro Tem De León Sanchez
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

The Ordinance is scheduled for further consideration and final adoption at the City Council meeting of August 14, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

A copy of the full text of the Ordinance is available at the office of the City Clerk at 7100 Garfield Avenue, Bell Gardens, CA 90201.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daisy Gomez". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Daisy Gomez, City Clerk
City of Bell Gardens

Posted: August 3, 2023
Bell Gardens City Hall
Bell Gardens John Anson Ford Park
Bell Gardens Veterans Park – Ross Hall Auditorium
Bell Gardens Department of Public Works