



PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the City Council of the City of Bell Gardens will conduct a public hearing to consider the first reading of an ordinance to adopt a military use equipment policy ("Policy") as required by Assembly Bill 481 ("AB 481").

DATE OF HEARING: Monday, August 12, 2024

TIME OF HEARING: 6:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as possible.

PROPOSAL: The City Council will consider adopting a Policy as required by AB 481. AB 481 was signed into law on September 30, 2021, and requires law enforcement agencies, including Bell Gardens Police Department, to adopt a Policy in order to take actions relating to the funding, acquisition, or use of military equipment as that term is defined by state law. The City's proposed Policy is available for review at www.bellgardens.org/government/public-safety/police-department/records/ab-481. In order to approve the Policy, the City Council must find that the military equipment identified in the Policy is necessary; will safeguard the public's welfare, safety, civil rights and civil liberties; and that any purchases of military equipment is reasonably cost effective. If adopted, the Policy will be reviewed annually by City Council, and an annual military equipment report will be prepared for and reviewed by the City Council.

INVITATION TO BE HEARD/PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: The public hearing will be held before the City of Bell Gardens City Council on Monday, August 12, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. The public may attend the meeting in person or may view the meeting online. The meeting will be recorded and live streamed on the City's website at <https://www.bellgardens.org/i-want-to/watch-city-council-meetings>. Public comments for the public hearing are limited to three (3) minutes per person. Members of the public can access and participate in the meetings as follows:

IN-PERSON: Members of the public can provide in-person comments at the podium in the Council Chamber. The Council Chamber will have seating available for members of the public to attend the meeting in-person. Public comments for the public hearing are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. Speakers who wish to address the City Council should do so by submitting a "Public Comment Card" to the City Clerk.

BY TELEPHONE: Phone Number: (669) 900-9128 Webinar ID: 813 3236 4343# Passcode: 2021# to address the City Council press *9 to raise your hand then *6 to unmute yourself when instructed.

VIRTUALLY LIVE: Members of the public may participate via Zoom by clicking here <https://zoom.us/join> and entering the Zoom Meeting ID: 813 3236 4343 Passcode: 2021 Comments may also be made via the Zoom app by using the "Raise Hand" feature when it is your turn to speak the host will unmute you. Comments will not be accepted in the Q and A Chat function of the Zoom app.



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WRITTEN COMMENTS: Public comments may be emailed to PublicComments@bellgardens.org or mailed to the City Clerk's Office, 7100 Garfield Ave., Bell Gardens CA 90201. To ensure distribution to the members of the City Council prior to consideration of the agenda, please submit comments no later than one (1) hour prior to the meeting. Those comments, as well as any comments received after, will be distributed to the members of the City Council and will be part of the official public record of this meeting.

Any person who requires a disability-related modification or accommodation, in order to observe and/or offer public comment may request such service by contacting the City Clerk's Office no later than 72 hours before the scheduled meeting.

The City Council staff report will be available in the City Clerk's Office and posted on the City's website at <https://www.bellgardens.org/i-want-to/view-agendas> 72-hours prior to the meeting.

For more information, you may contact the City Clerk's Office located at 7100 Garfield Avenue, Bell Gardens, CA 90201 during regular business hours 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday at (562) 806-7704 or via email to CityClerkDesk@bellgardens.org.

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City Clerk

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