



PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

ORDINANCE SUMMARY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on August 12, 2024, the City Council of the City of Bell Gardens introduced Ordinance No. 949 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

The proposed Ordinance is military use equipment policy ("Policy") as required by Assembly Bill 481 ("AB 481").

Proposed Ordinance Summary:

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 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 Policy; and the Bell Gardens Police Department made the proposed Policy and report available on the Police Department's website for at least 30 days prior to introducing Ordinance No. 949 and held a town hall meeting where 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 City Council introduced the ordinance with the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Chavez, Pulido, Sanchez; Mayor Pro Tem Barcena; Mayor Gomez
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None



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Pursuant to Gov. Code, § 36993(c), 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. This Ordinance is scheduled for further consideration and final adoption at the Council meeting of August 26, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Daisy Gomez
City Clerk

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