

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF NAPA COUNTY,  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A MILITARY EQUIPMENT USE  
POLICY PURSUANT TO AB 481**

The Board of Supervisors of Napa County hereby finds and declares the following:

**WHEREAS**, Governor Gavin Newsom signed AB 481 into law on September 30, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, 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; and

**WHEREAS**, AB 481 requires California law enforcement agencies, such as the Sheriff's Department, to obtain approval from their governing body, of a military equipment use policy prior to taking certain actions relating to the funding, acquisition, and/or use of military equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, AB 481 requires that the governing body make certain findings with respect to the military equipment use policy prior to its approval as set forth in Government Code Section 7071(d)(1); and

**WHEREAS**, AB 481 requires California law enforcement agencies that receive approval for a military equipment use policy to submit to the 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; and

**WHEREAS**, 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; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to comply with AB 481, the Sheriff's Department has submitted its Military Equipment Use Policy No.706 for the Board's review and adoption, along with the Military Equipment Report.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Board of Supervisors of Napa County ordains as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The Board finds that the considerations and requirements in Government Code Section 7071(d)(1) have been met. Specifically, the Board makes the following findings:

A. The military equipment is necessary because there is no reasonable alternative that can achieve the same objective of officer and civilian safety;

B. The proposed military equipment use policy will safeguard the public’s welfare, safety, civil rights, and civil liberties;

C. If purchasing the equipment, the equipment is reasonably cost effective compared to available alternatives that can achieve the same objective of officer and civilian safety; and

D. There was no prior policy on use of military equipment and therefore no findings can be made with respect to compliance of prior use with prior policies.

**SECTION 2.** Napa County Sheriff Department Policy No.706, entitled “Military Equipment,” and attached hereto as Exhibit A, is hereby adopted and approved.

**SECTION 2.** This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its passage.

**SECTION 3.** The Board of Supervisors finds that adoption of this ordinance is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

**SECTION 4.** A summary of this Ordinance shall be published at least once five days before adoption and at least once before the expiration of 15 days after its passage in the Napa Register, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Napa, together with the names of members voting for and against the same.

The foregoing Ordinance was introduced and read at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Napa County, State of California, held on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022, and passed at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Napa, State of California, held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:	SUPERVISORS	_____
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NOES:	SUPERVISORS	_____
ABSTAIN:	SUPERVISORS	_____
ABSENT:	SUPERVISORS	_____

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RYAN GREGORY, Chair Napa  
County Board of Supervisors

<p>APPROVED AS TO FORM Office of County Counsel</p> <p>By: <i>S. Darbinian</i> Date: April 11, 2022</p>	<p>APPROVED BY THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS</p> <p>Date: Processed By: _____ Deputy Clerk of the Board</p>	<p>ATTEST: NEHA HOSKINS Clerk of the Board of Supervisors</p> <p>By: _____</p>
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