



# CITY OF ATASCADERO

## CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

Item D4

**Department:** Police  
**Date:** 5/27/25  
**Placement:** Consent

**TO:** JAMES R. LEWIS, CITY MANAGER  
**FROM:** Daniel Suttles, Chief of Police  
**PREPARED BY:** Jeffrey Wilshusen, Commander

**SUBJECT:** Annual Military Equipment Report Pursuant Assembly Bill 481

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### RECOMMENDATION:

Council receive and file the annual Military Equipment Report according to the requirements of Assembly Bill 481; and takes such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

### DISCUSSION:

On September 30, 2021, California Assembly Bill 481 (AB 481) was signed into law, which codified California Government Code Sections 7070 to 7075. AB 481 requires law enforcement agencies to obtain approval of, by ordinance at a regular meeting, a “military equipment” policy related to any funding, acquisition, or use of “military equipment”. The items considered to be “military equipment” are not necessarily “military equipment” but are defined under Government Code Section 7070(c), and include such things as weapons using .50 caliber rounds or greater and flashbang grenades. AB 481 also requires the City Council to annually review and approve any military equipment policy adopted by the ordinance. Any proposed policy must be posted on the City’s website at least 30 days before that annual review and approval.

On June 14, 2022, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 656 adopting a Military Equipment Policy per AB 481. Pursuant to Ordinance No. 656, staff must return to Council annually to provide a report on the City’s Military Equipment Policy, including the quantity of items possessed, costs, results on any internal audits, and report on any complaints or concerns regarding the use of the equipment.

There are no complaints or concerns received regarding the use of the equipment and it has been determined that there are no violations of the policy. The updated attachment to the Military Equipment Policy details the type of equipment, quantity possessed, and related costs.

### ALTERNATIVES TO THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

None


**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None.

**REVIEWED BY OTHERS:**

This item has been reviewed by the Deputy City Manager.

**REVIEWED AND APPROVED FOR COUNCIL AGENDA**



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James R. Lewis, City Manager

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Updated attachment to the Military Equipment Policy
2. Atascadero Police Department's Lexipol Policy 708