

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
ESCONDIDO, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING  
THE ESCONDIDO POLICE DEPARTMENT MILITARY  
EQUIPMENT USE POLICY

WHEREAS, on September 30, 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom signed into law Assembly Bill 481 to regulate the use of military equipment by law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 481, codified at California Government Code section 7070 et seq., requires law enforcement agencies to obtain approval of the applicable governing body, by an ordinance adopting a military equipment use policy, at a regular meeting held pursuant to open meeting laws, prior to taking certain actions relating to the funding, acquisition, or use of military equipment; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code section 7070 defines the terms “military equipment” and establishes the minimum requirements for a “military equipment use policy”; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code section 7071 requires the governing body determine, prior to approving a military equipment use policy, the following:

- 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.

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ORDINANCE IS ON FILE IN  
THE OFFICE OF THE CITY  
CLERK FOR YOUR REVIEW.