

ORDINANCE NO.1819

**UNCODIFIED ORDINANCE TO ADOPT MILITARY EQUIPMENT USE POLICY  
PURSUANT TO AB 481**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Amador 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 to obtain approval of their applicable governing body, by adoption 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 California law enforcement agencies that receive approval for a military equipment use policy to submit to the applicable 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 also requires the applicable governing body of the California law enforcement agency to annually review the military equipment use policy.

WHEREAS, proposed military equipment use policy has been publicly available for review on the Sheriff's Office website for at least 30 days prior to the hearing; and

WHEREAS, Board of Supervisors specifically finds and determines the following:

1. The military equipment is necessary because there is no reasonable alternative that can achieve the same objective of officer and civilian safety.
2. The proposed military equipment use policy will safeguard the public's welfare, safety, civilian rights and civil liberties.
3. For purchased equipment, the equipment is reasonably cost effective compared to available alternatives that can achieve the same objective of officer and civilian safety.
4. The County did not previously have a military equipment use policy, therefore the need to make a determination that the prior use of military equipment complied with the policy then in effect is not necessary.

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

### SECTION I

The attached Policy 708, titled "Military Equipment," of the Amador County Sheriff's Office Policy Manual is approved and adopted.

### SECTION II

This ordinance shall be published within fifteen days after the date hereof in a newspaper of general circulation printed and published in the County of Amador, State of California, and shall become effective thirty days after the date hereof.

The foregoing ordinance was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Amador at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: Richard M. Forster, Jeff Brown, Brian Oneto, Patrick Crew, Frank U. Axe

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

  
Richard M. Forster, Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

JENNIFER BURNS, Clerk of the  
Board of Supervisors, Amador County,  
California

By

  
Deputy