

**STAFF REPORT**  
**City of Lancaster**

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Date: March 25, 2025

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Allison E. Burns, City Attorney  
Rodrick Armalin, Chief of Police - Lancaster Police Department

Subject: Introduce and Adopt Urgency Ordinance No. \_\_ to the Lancaster Municipal Code approving the updated Lancaster Police Department's Military Equipment Use Policy

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**Recommendation:**

Introduce and adopt Urgency **Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_** to the Lancaster Municipal Code approving the updated Lancaster Police Department's Military Equipment Use Policy.

**Fiscal Impact:**

\$70,501.43; Sufficient funds are available in account 10131000.5351.

**Background:**

Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill 481 on September 30, 2021, which aims to regulate the financing, procurement, and utilization of "military equipment" by law enforcement agencies in California. AB 481 is a state requirement that all agencies disclose the purchase or intent to purchase certain listed equipment available to Law Enforcement agencies from the federal government as military surplus. The Lancaster Police Department is required to seek City Council approval of their military equipment use procedure by ordinance at a regular open meeting. AB 481 allows the governing body to approve funding, acquisition, and use of military equipment within its jurisdiction if it determines that the military equipment meets specific standards.

This ordinance is a necessary step to update the Lancaster Municipal Code to approve the updated Lancaster Police Department's Military Equipment Use Policy to reflect the purchase of bean bag munitions, Pava projectile launcher and munitions (pepperball), specialized firearms and ammunition of less than .50 caliber (duty rifles), three DJI M30T drones, and transfer into service previously city-owned equipment to the LPD consisting of one DJI M30T, one DJI Mavic 2 Pro, one Skydio x10, and one DJI Mavic 3 Enterprise.

**Attachment:**

Ordinance  
LPD Military Equipment Policy 706