



CITY OF WESTMINSTER
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
AND
ORDINANCE SUMMARY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER WILL HOLD A **PUBLIC HEARING** AS FOLLOWS:

HEARING BODY: CITY COUNCIL
DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, July 27, 2022
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 PM OR SOON THEREAFTER
LOCATION OF HEARING: City of Westminster
Council Chambers at the Westminster Civic Center
8200 Westminster Boulevard
Westminster, California 92683 or
Via Teleconference/Web Conference -
Pursuant to the Executive Order by the State of California and
the City of Westminster Resolution

PUBLIC HEARING ITEM:

The City Council will conduct a public hearing and first reading of the Ordinance at its Regular Meeting on July 27, 2022, scheduled to commence at 7:00 PM.

**PUBLIC HEARING, ORDINANCE SUMMARY, AND
FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. XXXX**

ORDINANCE NO. XXXX

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF WESTMINSTER, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING AN AMENDED
MILITARY EQUIPMENT USE POLICY FOR THE WESTMINSTER
POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The Public Hearing is to consider the following Ordinance:

The Mayor and City Council will conduct a public hearing then introduce for first reading of “AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING AN AMENDED MILITARY EQUIPMENT USE POLICY FOR THE WESTMINSTER POLICE DEPARTMENT.”

The proposed Ordinance and Amended Military Equipment Use Policy was submitted to City Council at the June 22, 2022, meeting as a “receive and file” item, and was posted on the WPD website on June 23, 2022, for public access and review for a minimum of the requisite 30 days. The item is now being submitted to the City Council for a first reading and a public hearing. A second reading and adoption of the Ordinance is scheduled for the August 10, 2022, City Council meeting.

Assembly Bill 481 (AB 481), codified as Government Code sections 7070 through 7075 requires a law enforcement agency to obtain approval from the applicable governing body, for the procurement, maintenance, and use of legislatively identified “military equipment,” via the adoption of a “military equipment” use policy and resolution.

Items deemed to be “military equipment” by AB 481 are used as a component of overall best practices for law enforcement agencies, including Westminster PD, throughout the country. These tools have been field tested and are used by law enforcement agencies nationwide to enhance public and officer safety. Loss of these items would jeopardize the welfare of peace officers and the citizens of Westminster, whom they serve.

The proposed ordinance seeks to approve the WPD’s amended Policy § 706, which constitutes WPD’s Military Equipment Use Policy. Policy § 706 outlines each item identified in Government Code section 7070, that is currently owned by the City. Policy § 706 also includes the current use and cost of each item. These items, and their stated uses, have been in place prior to the implementation of AB 481.

INVITATION TO BE HEARD:

The public is welcome and invited to comment pertaining to this Public Hearing Item. All persons wishing to speak and participate on this matter may do so via one of the following:

- Via Zoom by using the Zoom Link provided on the City’s Website/Agenda at <https://westminster-ca.gov> or https://westminsterca.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=2 , and “raising hand” during the Public Hearing until the City Clerk staff calls you; or
- Via E-Comment/Email by visiting the City’s Website and clicking on the link: CityClerkCSR@westminster-ca.gov; or
- Written Comment via Drop-Off to be filed with the City of Westminster, City Clerk’s Office, 8200 Westminster Blvd, Westminster, CA 92683, during our Regular Posted Business Hours. Written comments MUST be received by the City Clerk’s Office by no later than 2:00 PM on said Public Hearing date; or
- Written Comment via U.S. Mail MUST be received by the City of Westminster, City Clerk’s Office, at least 1-business day prior to the scheduled Public Hearing 8200 Westminster Blvd., Westminster, CA 92683.

Please reference the Public Hearing Title, date of hearing, and Agenda Item, in any written correspondence or Email Subject Line.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the following:

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A copy of the Public Hearing item and Ordinance as listed above will be available for review at City Hall, City Clerk’s Office, 8200 Westminster Boulevard, Westminster, CA 92683 and/or a copy may be obtained from the City Clerk at a nominal charge during posted business hours. The Agenda Staff Report and attachments, if any, will also be available on the City’s website at <https://www.westminster-ca.gov>.

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Lucie Colombo, CMC, CPMC

Interim City Clerk of the City of Westminster

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