



**CITY OF WESTMINSTER
PUBLIC NOTICE
ADOPTED ORDINANCE SUMMARY**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on September 11, 2024, the City Council of the City of Westminster adopted an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2614

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING
THE CITY'S POLICY REGARDING THE USE OF "MILITARY
EQUIPMENT"

This City Council of the City of Westminster HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

The adopted ordinance amends Ordinance No. 2604. On July 28, 2024, the proposed policy was published on the Westminster Police Department's webpage. To comply with the terms of Assembly Bill 481 (AB 481), a thirty-day review period was initiated at that time. The item was submitted to the City Council for its first reading and a public hearing. It was approved by the Mayor and City Council at the August 28, 2024 meeting, second reading and adoption of ORDINANCE NO. 2614 was heard at the September 11, 2024, 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.

Pursuant to AB 481, items deemed to be "military equipment" include, but are not limited to, unmanned aerial or ground vehicles, armored vehicles, command and control vehicles, pepper balls, less lethal shotguns, less lethal 40mm projectile launchers, certain firearms, long range acoustic devices (LRAD), and flashbangs.

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 adopted ordinance approves the WPD's revised 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. Nearly all of these items, and their stated uses, have been in place prior to the implementation of AB 481.

The City Council conducted introduction and first reading on August 28, 2024. The City Council at its Regular Meeting on September 11, 2024 conducted second reading, passed and adopted Ordinance No. 2614, as listed above with the following roll call to wit:

AYES:	C. NGUYEN, HO, PHAN WEST, MANZO, N. NGUYEN
NOES:	NONE
ABSENT:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE

Motion carried, 5-0.

A certified copy of the complete text of the Ordinance is posted and may be read and reviewed at City Hall, City Clerk's Office, 8200 Westminister Boulevard, Westminister, CA 92683 and/or a copy may be obtained from the City Clerk at a nominal charge during posted business hours. The proposed ordinance will also be available on the City's website as part of the Agenda Packet at <https://www.westminster-ca.gov>.

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City Clerk of the City of Westminister

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