

ORDINANCE NO. 4551

**UNCODIFIED ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE MENDOCINO COUNTY SHERIFF'S
OFFICE MILITARY EQUIPMENT USE POLICY PURSUANT TO AB 481**

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 requires the applicable governing body of the California law enforcement agency to annually review the military equipment use policy and vote on whether to renew the ordinance at a regular meeting.

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

Section 1.

(A) The attached policy, titled "Military Equipment", shall be added to the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office Policy Manual as "Military Equipment Use Policy" and designated as section 709 under Chapter 7 of the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office Policy Manual.

(B) This ordinance shall supersede and replace Mendocino County Ordinance No. 4539.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, State of California, on this 4th day of November, 2025, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Supervisors Cline, Mulheren, Haschak, Norvell, and Williams
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

WHEREUPON, the Chair declared the Ordinance passed and adopted and **SO ORDERED**.

ATTEST: DARCIE ANTLE
Clerk of the Board

JOHN HASCHAK, Chair
Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

Deputy

I hereby certify that according to the provisions of Government Code Section 25103, delivery of this document has been made.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
CHARLOTTE E. SCOTT
County Counsel

BY: DARCIE ANTLE
Clerk of the Board

Deputy