

City of Fowler

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Police Department

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On May 3, 2022, the Fowler City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2022-03, the “Military Equipment Use Policy,” in accordance with California Government Code sections 7070 through 7075. This Ordinance required the City Council to approve all acquisitions and uses of military equipment as defined in the California Government Code, prior to utilization by the Fowler Police Department. Every law enforcement agency in the State of California had to meet these same requirements.

As a reminder, the Fowler Police Department does not utilize any military equipment as defined within the provisions of Government Code sections 7070 through 7075. The Annual Military Equipment Report posted on the City’s website confirms that this remains consistent for 2023.

California Government Code section 7072 specifically requires law enforcement agencies to submit to the 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 for as long as the military equipment is available for use.

On June 6, 2023, the Fowler City Council received and approved the Annual Military Equipment Report submitted by the Fowler Police Department. Additionally, the Fowler City Council passed Resolution 2648 affirming that the Fowler Police Department has met the reporting and use standards set forth in the California Government Code and voted unanimously to renew City Ordinance 2022-03.

In addition to submitting the Annual Military Equipment Report to the City Council for approval, the California Government Code requires the Fowler Police Department to post the report on the City’s website, and to host a public meeting so the community may have an opportunity for input and comment on the report.

The Fowler Police Department will be hosting a public meeting on Wednesday July 5, 2023, from 12:30pm-1:00pm. The meeting will be held virtually to encourage participation. The ZOOM information is available below:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/5341852950?pwd=N2ZiRDFNUmpCV1NUYUthS0RuU0dHUT09>

Meeting ID: 534 185 2950

Passcode: 9ExATU

In addition, members of the public may also leave comments regarding the Annual Military Equipment Report by:

- Telephoning (559) 834-3113 Extension 111 and leaving a voicemail with your comments, or
- Mailing your comments to the City of Fowler Police Department c/o Annual Military Report to 128 S. 5th St., Fowler CA 93625, or
- Emailing your comments to Mreid@ci.fowler.ca.us with the subject being Annual Military Equipment Report.

Comments received by any of these methods may be included in subsequent Annual Military Reports for the City of Fowler.