

1 [Law Enforcement Equipment Use Policy - 2024 Annual Report]

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3 **Resolution approving the San Francisco Police Department’s Use of Equipment**
4 **Policy 2024 Annual Report, consistent with the criteria set forth in state law.**

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6 WHEREAS, On September 30, 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom signed into law
7 Assembly Bill 481 (“AB 481”), codified in California Government Code, Sections 7070 *et*
8 *seq.*, requiring law enforcement agencies to obtain approval of an equipment use policy to
9 allow the use of particularly defined new or existing law enforcement equipment for a
10 purpose, in a manner, or by a person not previously approved by the governing body; and

11 WHEREAS, Government Code, Sections 7070 *et seq.* defined the specific
12 equipment subject to this requirement, the minimum requirements for the policy, and the
13 standards for the approval of the governing body; and

14 WHEREAS, Consistent with Government Code, Sections 7070 *et seq.*, the San
15 Francisco Police Department prepared an inventory of existing equipment covered by
16 California Government Code, Sections 7070 *et seq.* and an equipment use policy to govern
17 the use of the equipment by the Police Department, for review and approval by the Board
18 of Supervisors; and

19 WHEREAS, On December 13, 2022, by Ordinance No. 257-22, the Board of
20 Supervisors approved the inventory and policy, as required by Government Code, Section
21 7070 *et seq.*; and

22 WHEREAS, By Ordinance No. 257-22, the Board required that the Police
23 Department submit an annual equipment report to the Board within one year of the effective
24 date of the Ordinance, and annually thereafter, in addition to posting the annual report on
25 its website; and also required that the Police Department hold at least one community

1 engagement meeting regarding the annual equipment report and the Police Department
2 funding, acquisition, or use of equipment; and

3 WHEREAS, The Police Department has prepared the Use of Equipment 2024
4 Annual Report, a copy of which is in Board File No. 250362; and

5 WHEREAS, The Police Department posted the 2024 Annual Report on its website
6 on January 22, 2025, and the report continues to be posted on that site; and

7 WHEREAS, The Police Commission directed the Police Department to organize a
8 public meeting to facilitate an open forum where community members could ask questions
9 regarding the annual equipment report, and the funding, acquisition and use of equipment;
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11 WHEREAS, The Police Department held seven community engagement meetings
12 regarding the 2024 Annual Report on January 28, 2025, at Richmond Station, on February
13 4, 2025, at Bayview Station, on February 11, 2025, at Northern Station, on February 20,
14 2025, at Central Station and Taraval Station, on February 25, 2025, at Mission Station and
15 lastly, on February 26, 2025, via zoom; and

16 WHEREAS, The Police Department will present the 2024 Annual Report and results
17 of the community engagement meetings to the Police Commission on April 9, 2025; now,
18 therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby approves the 2024 Annual Report
20 on file with the Clerk of the Board in Board File No. 250362; and be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the
22 continued use of the equipment as described in the 2024 Annual Report.

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