

1 [Law Enforcement Equipment Use Policy - 2025 Annual Report]

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3 **Resolution approving the San Francisco Police Department’s Use of Equipment**
4 **Policy 2025 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 No. 481 (“AB 481”), codified in California Government Code, Sections 7070
8 *et seq.*, requiring law enforcement agencies to obtain approval of an equipment use policy
9 to 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 equipment
12 subject to this requirement, the minimum requirements for the policy, and the standards for
13 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 Department
23 submit an annual equipment report to the Board within one year of the effective date of the
24 Ordinance, and annually thereafter, in addition to posting the annual report on its website;
25 and also required that the Police Department hold at least one community engagement

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

3 WHEREAS, The Police Department has prepared the Use of Equipment 2025 Annual
4 Report, a copy of which is in Board File No. _____; and

5 WHEREAS, The Police Department posted the 2025 Annual Report on its website on
6 January 22, 2026, and the report continues to be posted on that site; and

7 WHEREAS, The Police Department is mandated to hold at least one public meeting to
8 facilitate an open forum where community members could ask questions regarding the
9 annual equipment report, and the funding, acquisition and use of equipment; and

10 WHEREAS, The Police Department publicized two community engagement meetings
11 through a press release and postings on the Department's social media platforms; and

12 WHEREAS, The Police Department held the community engagement meetings on
13 February 9, 2026, via Microsoft Teams, and on February 18, 2026, at the Southern Station
14 Captain's Community Meeting; and

15 WHEREAS, The Police Department has presented the 2025 Annual Report and results
16 of the community engagement meetings to the Police Commission on March 4, 2026; now,
17 therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby approves the 2025 Annual Report
19 on file with the Clerk of the Board in Board File No. _____; and be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the continued
21 use of the equipment as described in the 2025 Annual Report.

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