

ITEM#: 11  
DATE: 11/23/21

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: AMEND PURCHASING POLICIES TO INCLUDE AN UNALLOWABLE PURCHASES CLASSIFICATION FOR FLEET VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT**

**BACKGROUND:**

On September 14, 2021, the City Council approved the prioritization of action steps from the “Policing in Ames” Report. Item 20 of this report recommends that “the City Council will adopt a policy that no surplus armored military vehicles may be purchased or accepted for City use”. City staff determined the Policy should be located within the City’s Purchasing Policies. This Policy requires City Council approval to amend.

The proposed addition to purchasing policies is under Section 3, Fleet Vehicles and Equipment, 3.07 Unallowable Purchases:

- A. The City shall not purchase surplus armored military vehicles or accept them for City use.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the amendment to the purchasing policies outlined above to prohibit the purchase or acceptance of surplus armored military vehicles.
2. Reject the proposed amendment to the purchasing policies.

**CITY MANAGER’S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

The proposed amendment to the Purchasing Policies accomplishes one of the action steps approved by the City Council following the issuance of the “Policing in Ames” report.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, as described above.