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**Ordinance Supplementing the Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances, Title One, Administrative, Article One, General Provisions, Chapter 103, Official Standards, by adding a new section, 103.05 - Prohibition on Acquisition of Military Equipment or Weaponry.**

**Whereas,** it has become increasingly more difficult to distinguish a local police department from a standing military force; and,

**Whereas,** Humvees, still in camouflage and mounted with machine guns, in the hands of municipal police are becoming more and more common; and,

**Whereas,** as local police forces become more and more militarized, both with weapons and tactics, the safety of the public comes into question; and,

**Whereas,** the militarization of local police forces has led to a shocking increase of fatal police encounters; and,

**Whereas,** the Department of Defense, through its surplus programs, has armed and continues to arm local police forces with assault rifles, personnel carriers and other ordinance ; and,

**Whereas,** the citizens of Pittsburgh do not wish to see incidents happen here as they have happened in other places in the nation; and,

**Be it therefore resolved that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby enact as follows:**

**Section 1: The Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances, Title One, Administrative, Article One, General Provisions, Chapter 103, Official Standards is hereby supplemented as follows:**

**Chapter 103.05 - Prohibition on Acquisition of Military Equipment or Weaponry.**

**The City shall not participate in as purchaser, receiver, lessee or grantee, any Federal or State program for the acquisition of military ordinance, armament, vehicles or any other weaponry.**

**The City shall not participate in the Law Enforcement Support (LES) Program administered by the Department of Defense authorized by Title 10, United States Code, § 2576-2576a, known as the "1208"**

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**or “1033” Programs or their successor programs.**

**The City shall not acquire, as purchaser, receiver, lessee or grantee, any military ordinance, armament, vehicles or any other weaponry of any kind or any equipment classified as military-style or military-type equipment.**

**This Chapter shall take effect immediately upon passage.**