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MEMORANDUM

TO: Orange County Board of Supervisors

THROUGH: Julie Summs, County Administrator 

FROM: Gregg Zody, AICP 
Director of Planning & Zoning

DATE: July 20, 2012

RE: Tactical Facilities Text Amendment and Timeline

Please find attached draft language regarding the creation of a proposed new use, Tactical Facility. The draft language includes: 1) Definition (Sec. 70-1. Definitions.); 2) Permitted Districts (Sec. 70-302(20) and Sec. 70-543 (4).); and 3) Conditions of said use (Sec. 70-701.).

The intent of the proposed text amendment is to create a use permitted by special use permit which would be permitted as such in the Agricultural and General Industrial zoning districts for multi-faceted tactical training services for military, law enforcement, medical, K-9 and private security personnel.

Also attached is a proposed timeline for the draft text amendment prepared by staff for both Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors public hearings.

CC: Sharon Pandak, County Attorney
Ashley Jacobs, Assistant to the County Administrator
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Tactical Training Facility Text Amendments

Sec. 70-1. Definitions.

Tactical Training Facility: Privately or government-owned facility for the training of military, law enforcement, private security personnel and individuals, personal protection; military and private medical training, and emergency management personnel. Such facilities may include indoor and outdoor training facilities, and may incorporate the use of vehicles and equipment relating to the performance of these jobs. Tactical Training Facility may include: indoor and outdoor shooting ranges, mobile Military Operations on Urban Terrain (MOUT) sites, K-9 training (which may include the following: explosives handling, munitions handling, narcotics detection, hazardous materials handling, human trailing, riot control training), obstacle courses, physical conditioning courses, rappelling towers and related training structures, vehicular training course facilities, emergency response training, confined space training, storage, classroom, associated housing, dining and recreational facilities and other ancillary facilities necessary and in support of these activities.

Sec. 70-302(20). Tactical Training Facility – subject to the standard conditions contained in (Article V. Supplementary District Regulations, Sec. 70-701. Tactical Training Facility Standard Conditions.

Sec. 70-543 (4). Tactical Training Facility – subject to the standard conditions contained in (Article V. Supplementary District Regulations, Sec. 70-701. Tactical Training Facility Standard Conditions.

Sec. 70-701. Tactical Training Facility Standard Conditions or as modified by specific conditions based on the site.

- Reasonable care shall be taken to preserve existing natural buffering to shield sound and visibility from adjacent properties;
- Said use may involve the use of armored vehicles and helicopters;
- Said use shall be permitted to burn on-site temporary structures as part of training exercises if a certified firefighter is on-site to supervise the activity and functioning fire extinguishing equipment is readily available for such training exercises;
- Indoor and outdoor firing ranges shall be for training purposes only and open only to facility staff and training students;
- Retail firearm sales may be available to the public as an accessory use when clearly incidental and subordinate to the principal use;
- Customized gunsmith services may be available to the public as an accessory use when clearly incidental and subordinate to the principal use;

- Building and structure height shall not exceed 100 feet;
- Telecommunication towers and facilities shall follow the standards and procedures as defined in Sec. 70-846 through Sec. 70-938 (Article IX. Telecommunications Towers and Facilities), including seeking a separate special use permit;
- Firearms shall be limited to common military and hunting small arms calibers, including, but not limited to, calibers ranging from .22 to .50 caliber; and shotgun rounds restricted to 12 gauge or less (e.g. 16, 20, 28);
- All ordnance storage shall be located in structures or under conditions that comply with applicable local, state and federal regulations;
- No vehicular training course facilities are available for lease or use by the public and are solely for the use of the training facility staff and students;
- Special events, including sporting events such as shooting cup matches, canine and law enforcement trials, shall be limited to a total of twelve (12) events per year and may be open to the public with local vendors providing services such as food and other related services and goods.
- The location of the canine training facilities (housing, runs, etc) shall, at a minimum, comply with the standards for kennel use (permitted in) in this chapter;

PROPOSED TIMELINE FOR TACTICAL FACILITY TEXT AMENDMENT

TASK	ENTITY	APPLICABLE DATES
Language Presented to Board of Supervisors and Initiation of Text Amendment Changes	Board of Supervisors	July 24, 2012 <i>*Planning Commission action requested by October 5, 2012*</i>
Language Presented to Planning Commission	Planning Commission	August 2, 2012
Schedule Planning Commission Public Hearing	Planning Commission	Must Schedule by August 16, 2012 <i>(*Must Advertise by August 31, 2012)</i>
Planning Commission Public Hearing	Planning Commission	September 20, 2012
Schedule Board of Supervisors Public Hearing	Board of Supervisors	Must Schedule by September 25, 2012 <i>(*Must Advertise by October 5, 2012)</i>
Board of Supervisors Public Hearing	Board of Supervisors	October 25, 2012 – SPECIAL MTG.