

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-14
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEEDLES ADOPTING
THE TECHNOLOGY DISRUPTION POLICY

WHEREAS, on October 3, 2025, Governor Newsom signed into law Senate Bill 707, “The Brown Act Modernization Act;” and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 54953.4(b)(1)(A)(i)(I)(ib)(la), the City Council must, prior to July 1, 2026, adopt a publicly approved policy to address procedures when disruption of telephone or internet service occurs; and

WHEREAS, this policy must provide for recessing, reconvening, and the efforts that the City Council shall make to attempt to restore service; and

WHEREAS, the Technology Disruption Policy (“Policy”) attached hereto as **Exhibit A** ensures that the City complies with the SB 707 requirements; and

WHEREAS, under the Policy, if a disruption of telephonic or internet service prevents members of the public from attending or observing the meeting via two-way telephonic service or two-way audiovisual platform, the City Council must recess open session for at least one hour, or until service is restored, whichever is earlier; and

WHEREAS, if after an hour, the City has been unable to restore telephonic and internet service, the City Council shall reconvene and either:

1. Adjourn the meeting; or
2. Adopt a finding, by roll call vote, that good faith efforts were made in accordance with the adopted Policy and that the public interest in continuing the meeting outweighs the public interest in remote public access; and

WHEREAS, the attached Policy, if adopted, becomes effective July 1, 2026.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. Adoption And Effective Date. The attached Technology Disruption Policy is adopted and effective July 1, 2026.

Section 3. Delegation of Authority. The City Manager is hereby delegated all the necessary authority to implement the Technology Disruption Policy.

Section 4. Severability. All portions of this resolution are severable. Should any individual provision or portion of a provision of this resolution be adjudged to be invalid and unenforceable, the remaining provisions and portions of provisions shall be and continue to be fully effective, except as to the provision(s) and/or portion(s) of provisions that have been judged to be invalid.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 28th day of April 2026, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Janet Jernigan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Candace Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Lena Wade, Deputy City Attorney