



# City of Needles, California

## Request for City Council Action

☒ CITY COUNCIL ☐ NPUA ☒ Regular ☐ Board of Public Utilities

**Meeting Date:** September 12, 2023

**Title:** Approve for Introduction Ordinance No. 664-AC Amending Section 13-44 of the Needles Municipal Code (NMC) to prohibit stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles unless the vehicle is connected for electric charging; violators subject to towing

**Background:** The City has designated parking stalls or spaces on a public street or on public property within its jurisdiction for the exclusive purpose of charging electric vehicles.

The public vehicle charging station currently has signage that does not comply with California Vehicle Code §22511 or City Municipal Code Section 13-44.

Amendment to Code Section 13-44 will allow signage to be erected and posted that will prohibit violators from parking in spaces designed for electric charging.

The proposed signage to read as follows:

Unauthorized vehicles not connected for electric charging purposes will be towed away at owner's expense.

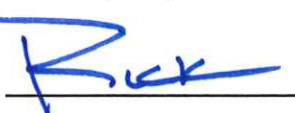
**Fiscal Impact:** The installation cost for the proposed signage and striping will not exceed \$500 and the work will be completed by the Department of Public Works.

  
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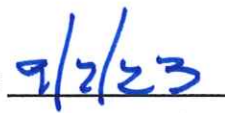
**Recommendation:** Approve for introduction Ordinance No. 664-AC Amending Section 13-44 of the Needles Municipal Code (NMC) to prohibit stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles unless the vehicle is connected for electric charging; violators subject to towing

**Submitted By:** Kathy Raasch, Projects Manager

**City Management Review:**



**Date:**



Approved: ☐

Not Approved: ☐

Tabled: ☐

Other: ☐

AGENDA ITEM: 5

## **ORDINANCE NO. 664-AC**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING ORDINANCE NO. 664-AC, AMENDING SECTION 13-44 OF THE NEEDLES MUNICIPAL CODE (NMC) TO PROHIBIT STOPPING, STANDING, OR PARKING AT ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS UNLESS THE VEHICLE IS CONNECTED FOR ELECTRIC CHARGING; VIOLATORS SUBJECT TO TOWING**

**WHEREAS**, the City may designate stalls or spaces on a public street within its jurisdiction for the exclusive purpose of charging and parking a vehicle that is connected for electric charging purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, public vehicle charging stations currently do not have signage to prohibit stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles unless the vehicle is connected for electric charging; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council wishes to erect signs to prohibit stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles on a public street or publicly owned parking facility unless the vehicle is connected for electric charging and would be subject to towing; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 12, 2023, the City Council of the City of Needles conducted and concluded a public hearing concerning the amendment to Section 13-44, Stopping, standing or parking prohibited at certain places, of the Municipal Code, as more fully set forth below; and

**WHEREAS**, all legal prerequisites to the adoption of this Ordinance have occurred; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has considered the matter carefully,

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEEDLES DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** The City Council **HEREBY FINDS AND DETERMINES** that this activity is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to §§15060(c)(2), the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

**SECTION 2.** The City Council **HEREBY FINDS AND DETERMINES** that facts do exist to approve an amendment to the Needles Municipal Code (NMC).

**SECTION 3.** The City Council **HEREBY APPROVES** Ordinance 664-AC for an amendment to the Needles Municipal Code (NMC) as follows:

Sec. 13-44. Stopping, standing, or parking prohibited at certain places.

By adding (d) to Section 13-44:

(d) It shall be unlawful for a person to park or leave standing a vehicle in a stall or space designated for electric charging on a public street or publicly owned parking facility unless the vehicle is connected for electric charging purposes. It shall be further unlawful for any person to obstruct, block or otherwise bar access to stalls or spaces designated as electric charging

stations. Vehicles parked or standing in violation of this ordinance shall be subject to being towed.

**Towing:** Subject to the requirements set forth in California Vehicle Code Section 22511, any peace officer or any regularly employed and salaried employee of the City who is authorized to engage and is engaged in directing traffic or enforcing parking laws and regulations may remove, or cause to be removed, a vehicle in violation of this section.

**INTRODUCED AND READ** for the first time and ordered posted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Needles, California, held on the 12th day of September 2023, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:  
NOES  
ABSENT  
ABSTAIN

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Jan Jernigan

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk, Dale Jones. CMC

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Needles, California, held on the 10th day of October 2023.

AYES:  
NOES  
ABSENT  
ABSTAIN

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Jan Jernigan

(Seal)

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk, Dale Jones. CMC

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney John Pinkney