

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-29

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEEDLES CALLING FOR THE
PLACEMENT OF A MEASURE ON THE BALLOT AT THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE
HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026 FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF
AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF NEEDLES CHARTER TO ENACT AN INCREASE IN CITY
COUNCIL COMPENSATION**

WHEREAS, the City of Needles (the "City") is a Charter City formed under Article XI of the Constitution of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, the people of the City of Needles adopted the Charter ("Charter") on June 3, 1958, which was approved by the legislature of the State of California on January 28, 1959, and subsequently amended; and

WHEREAS, section 503 of the Charter, adopted 68 years ago, provides for compensation of members of the City Council in the amount of One Dollar (\$1.00) per month; and

WHEREAS, a ballot measure is being proposed to amend section 503 "Compensation" of the Charter. The proposed ballot measure is as follows:

MEASURE ____ : CITY COUNCIL COMPENSATION- CHARTER AMENDMENT Shall the proposed amendment to Section 503 of the City Charter to increase the compensation for each member of the City Council from \$1 per month to \$250 per month be approved?	YES
	NO

The full text of the proposed amendment to section 503 of the City of Needles Charter "Compensation" is attached as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Elections Code §9222, the City Council has authority to place local measures on the ballot to be considered at a Municipal Election; and

WHEREAS, the City Council would like to submit to the voters at the November 3, 2026 General Municipal Election a measure enacting an increase in City Council compensation from one dollar (\$1.00) to two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) per month; and

WHEREAS, the next regularly scheduled general election at which City Council members are to be elected is November 3, 2026; and

WHEREAS, this Charter amendment measure must be approved by a majority of the electorate to be effective.

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

Section 1. All of the above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. The provisions and sections of this Resolution, appearing above and below, are adopted and shall apply to the submission of the City Council Compensation-Charter Amendment Measure to the voters of the City of Needles at the next General Municipal Election to be held on November 3, 2026.

Section 3. The City Council, pursuant to California Elections Code §9222, hereby orders that the Measure shall be presented and printed upon the ballot submitted to the qualified voters in the manner and form set forth in this Section 3. On the ballot to be submitted to the qualified voters at the General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, in addition to any other matters required by law, there shall be printed substantially the following ballot question:

MEASURE ____: CITY COUNCIL COMPENSATION-CHARTER AMENDMENT Shall the proposed amendment to section 503 of the City Charter of the City of Needles to increase the compensation for each member of the City Council from \$1 per month to \$250 per month be approved?	YES
	NO

The full text of the proposed amendment to section 503 of the City of Needles Charter “Compensation” is attached as Exhibit “A” and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 5. That the vote requirement for the measure specified above to pass is a majority (50%+1) of the votes cast.

Section 6. Conduct of Election. The City Clerk, who shall serve as the City Elections Official, is authorized, instructed, and directed to coordinate with the San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters to procure and furnish any and all official ballots, printed matter and all supplies, equipment and paraphernalia that may be necessary in order to properly and lawfully conduct the election. In all particulars not recited in this Resolution, the election shall be held and conducted as provided by law for holding municipal elections.

Section 7. Pursuant to California Elections Code Section 9280, the City Council hereby directs the City Clerk to transmit a copy of the Measure to the City Attorney. The City Attorney shall prepare an impartial analysis of the Measure, not to exceed 500 words in length, showing the effect of the Measure on the existing law and the operation of the Measure, and transmit such impartial analysis to the City Clerk not later than the deadline for submittal of primary arguments for or against the Measure.

Section 8. Arguments and Impartial Analysis.

A. The City Council authorizes (i) the City Council or any member(s) of the City Council, (ii) any individual voter eligible to vote on the above Resolution, (iii) a bona fide association of such citizens or any combination of voters and associations, to file a written argument in favor of or against the Resolution, in accordance with Article 4, Chapter 3, Division 9 of the Elections Code of the State of California, which argument may be changed until and including the deadline set by the San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters, after which no arguments for or against the Resolution may be submitted to the City. Arguments in favor of or against the Resolution shall each not exceed 300 words in length. Each argument shall be filed by the City Clerk, signed, include the printed name(s) and signature(s) of the author(s) submitting it, or submitted on behalf of an organization, the name of the organization, and the

printed name and signature of at least one of its principal officers who is the author of the argument.

B. The City Clerk shall comply with all provisions of law establishing priority of arguments for printing and distribution to the voters and shall take all necessary actions to cause the selected arguments to be printed and distributed to the voters.

C. Pursuant to section 9280 of the Elections Code, the City Council directs the City Clerk to transmit a copy of the Resolution to the City Attorney. The City Attorney shall prepare an impartial analysis of the Resolution, not to exceed 500 words in length, showing the effect of the Resolution on the existing law and the operation of the Resolution. The City Attorney shall transmit such impartial analysis to the City Clerk, who shall cause the analysis to be published in the voter guide along with the Resolution as provided by law. The impartial analysis shall be filed by the deadline set for filing of primary arguments is set forth in subsection 8.A. above. The impartial analysis shall include a statement indicating whether the Resolution was placed on the ballot by a petition signed by the requisite number of voters or by the City Council. In the event the entire text of the Resolution is not printed on the ballot, nor in the voter information portion of the sample ballot, there shall be printed immediately below the impartial analysis, no less than 10 font bold type, the following: "The above statement is an impartial analysis of Resolution No. 2026-XX or Measure. The above statement is an impartial analysis of Ordinance or Measure. If you desire a copy of the ordinance or measure, please call the Office of the City Clerk at (760) 326-2113 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you."

D. The provisions of this section shall apply only to the election to be held on November 3, 2026, and shall then be repealed.

Section. 9. Rebuttals.

A. Pursuant to section 9285 of the Elections Code of the State of California, when the City Clerk has selected the arguments for and against the Resolution which will be printed and distributed to the voters, the Clerk shall send copies of the argument in favor of the Resolution to the authors of the argument against, and copies of the argument against the Resolution to authors of the argument in favor. The authors or persons designated by them may prepare and submit rebuttal arguments not exceeding 250 words. The rebuttal argument shall be filed with the City Clerk not later than 10 days after the deadline for primary arguments set forth in section 8 above. Rebuttal arguments shall be printed in the same manner as the direct arguments. Each rebuttal argument shall immediately follow the direct argument which it seeks to rebut.

B. The provisions of this section shall apply only to the election to be held on November 3rd, 2026, and then shall be repealed.

Section 10. Notice of the election is hereby given and the City Clerk is authorized, instructed and directed to give further or additional notice of the election, in time, form and manner as required by law.

Section 11. Placement on the Ballot. The full text of the Measure shall not be printed in the voter information guide, and a statement shall be printed in the ballot pursuant to Elections Code section 9223 advising voters that they may obtain a copy of this Resolution and the Measure, at no cost, upon request made to the City Clerk.

Section 12. Filing with County. The City Clerk shall, not later than the 88th day prior to the General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, file with the Board of Supervisors and the San Bernardino Registrar of Voters, State of California, a certified copy of this Resolution.

Section 13. Public Examination. Pursuant to California Elections Code §9295, this Measure will be available for public examination for no fewer than ten (10) calendar days prior to being submitted for printing

in the voter information guide. The City Clerk shall post notice in the Clerk's office of the specific dates that the examination period will run.

Section 14. The City Council hereby finds and determines that the Measure relates to organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect or indirect physical changes in the environment and therefore is not a project within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and the State CEQA Guidelines, section 15378(b)(5).

Section 15. Severability. The provisions of this Resolution are severable and if any provision of this Resolution is held invalid, that provision shall be severed from the Resolution and the remainder of this Resolution shall continue in full force and effect, and not be affected by such invalidity.

Section 16. This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

Section 17. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions. The City Council directs the City Clerk to deliver copies of this Resolution, including the Ordinance attached hereto as Exhibit A, to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County and to the Registrar of Voters of San Bernardino County.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 14th day of July, 2026, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Janet Jernigan, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Candace Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: _____
City Attorney

EXHIBIT A

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE NEEDLES CITY CHARTER

A PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEEDLES AMENDING SECTION 503 NEEDLES CITY CHARTER TO INCREASE CITY COUNCIL COMPENSATION FROM ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) TO TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00) PER MONTH

(NOTE: Additions are highlighted in ***bold italics*** and deletions are highlighted in ~~strikeout~~.)

RECITALS

WHEREAS, on July 14, 2026, the City Council resolved to submit this Amendment to the voters as a “Measure” at the general municipal election to be held on November 3, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Needles City Charter, adopted 68 years ago, provides for compensation of members of the City Council in the amount of One Dollar (\$1.00) per month; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Measure is to increase in City Council compensation from one dollar (\$1.00) to two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) per month; and

WHEREAS, the full text of section 503 of the City of Needles Charter (redlined and clean) is attached hereto as Attachment “1”.

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

Section 1. Recitals. All of the above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. Text Amendment. Section 503, Compensation, of the City of Needles Charter is hereby amended to read as follows, with additions noted by underlined text and deletions noted by struck-through text:

Section 503 of the City of Needles Charter is amended to read:

Compensation. Each member of the council shall be entitled to receive a salary of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) per calendar month. Members of the council shall also be entitled to reimbursement on order of the council for council authorized traveling expenses and other expenses actually incurred when on official duty or order of the council. Members of the council shall receive no other compensation from the city.

Section 5. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Measure is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Measure. The people of the City of Needles hereby declare that they would have passed this Measure and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared invalid.

Section 6. Environmental Compliance. The City Council hereby finds and determines that this resolution or Measure is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act, Public Resources Code sections 21000 et seq. (“CEQA”) and 14 Cal. Code Regs. sections 15000 et seq. (“CEQA Guidelines”). The calling and noticing of an election for the submission of a ballot measure to voters is not a project

within the meaning of CEQA Guidelines 15378. The tax submitted to the voters is a general tax that can be used for any governmental purpose; it is not a commitment to any particular action or actions.

As such, under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 (b)(4), the tax is not a project within the meaning of CEQA because it creates a government funding mechanism that does not involve any commitment to any specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment. If revenue generated by the tax were used for a purpose that would have such an effect, the City of Needles would undertake the required CEQA review for that particular project. Therefore, pursuant to CEQA Guideline Section 15060 CEQA analysis is not required.

Section 7. Effective date. If this Measure is approved by a majority of the electors voting on the issue at the November 3, 2026, general municipal election, pursuant to Elections Code Section 9217, the Measure shall become effective ten (10) days after the City Council accepts the certified results of the election.

Section 8. The Mayor is hereby authorized to attest to the adoption of this Amendment to the Needles City Charter by the People voting thereon on November 3, 2026, by signing where indicated below.

Section 9. The City Clerk is hereby directed to publish this Amendment to the Needles City Charter at least once, within fifteen (15) days after the election results are certified, in a newspaper of general circulation published and circulated in the City of Needles.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Measure was PASSED AND ADOPTED by the People of the City of Needles on the 3rd day of November 2026.

Dated:

Janet Jernigan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Candace Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

John O. Pinkney, City Attorney

Section 503 (Redlined)

Compensation. Each member of the council shall be entitled to receive a salary of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) per calendar month. Members of the council shall also be entitled to reimbursement on order of the council for council authorized traveling expenses and other expenses actually incurred when on official duty or order of the council. Members of the council shall receive no other compensation from the city.

Section 503 (Clean)

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO) ss
CITY OF NEEDLES)

I, Candace Clark, City Clerk of the City of Needles, do hereby certify the foregoing Needles City Charter Amendment/Measure was duly adopted by the voters of the City of Needles on the 3rd day of November, 2026, and thereafter signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

Date: _____

City Clerk