



## City of Needles, California Request for City Council Action

☒ CITY COUNCIL ☐ NPUA

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**Meeting Date:** March 11, 2025

**Title:** Resolution No. 2025-14 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Needles, Adopting Naloxone Policy and Procedures for the City of Needles

**Background:** The City of Needles prioritizes the safety and well-being of its employees and community members. With the rise of opioid-related emergencies, it is essential to equip City personnel with the necessary tools and training to respond effectively. Naloxone, an opioid antagonist, has been proven to reverse the effects of opioid overdoses and can be lifesaving when administered promptly.

The proposed policy establishes clear procedures for City employees to safely administer Naloxone while ensuring their protection. Training will be provided to authorized personnel to recognize the signs of an overdose, safely administer Naloxone, and follow necessary post-administration protocols. The policy aligns with California Department of Public Health regulations and California Civil Code section 1714.22, which provides liability protection for individuals administering Naloxone in good faith. Additionally, secure storage and tracking of Naloxone kits will be implemented to ensure accessibility and accountability.

The City of Needles worked closely with the City Attorney and the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority (CJPIA) to develop this comprehensive policy. Their guidance helped ensure that the policy includes best practices for risk mitigation, employee safety, and legal compliance, providing a sustainable framework for addressing opioid-related emergencies within the City.

**Fiscal Impact:** Minimal costs associated with the procurement of Naloxone kits and training for authorized personnel. The City may seek funding or grants to offset costs.

**Environmental Impact:** None

**Recommended Action:** Adopt Resolution No. 2025-14 of the City Council of the City of Needles, Approving the City of Needles Naloxone Policy and Procedures and authorize staff to proceed with implementation of the policy and procedures.

**Submitted By:** Patrick Martinez, City Manager

**City Manager Approval:** Patrick J. Martinez

**Date:** 3/5/2025

**Other Department Approval (when required):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: ☐

Not Approved: ☐

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Other: ☐