

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEEDLES ADOPTING THE CITY OF NEEDLES NALOXONE POLICY AND PROCEDURES

WHEREAS, in 2017, in an effort to reduce morbidity and mortality associated with opioid overdose, the California Department of Public Health (“CDPH”) issued a statewide standing order permitting, through an application process, community organizations and other entities that are not currently working with a physician to obtain and distribute Naloxone to a person at risk of an opioid-related overdose; and

WHEREAS, Naloxone is a medication that can reverse the effects of a fentanyl overdose if administered. Naloxone is an opioid antagonist that works almost immediately to reverse an opiate overdose, including heroin, fentanyl, and prescription opioid medications that can be administered through a nasal spray; and

WHEREAS, the City of Needles (“City”), may an application to CDPH for a standing order which would authorize designated Needles who have completed an opioid overdose prevention and treatment training program to assist a person experiencing or reasonably suspected of experiencing an opioid overdose; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Civil Code section 1714.22(f), a person who possesses or distributes an opioid antagonist pursuant to a prescription or standing order shall not be subject to professional review, be liable in a civil action, or be subject to criminal prosecution for this possession or distribution. Notwithstanding any other law, a person not otherwise licensed to administer an opioid antagonist, but trained as required under paragraph (1) of subdivision (d), who acts with reasonable care in administering an opioid antagonist, in good faith and not for compensation, to a person who is experiencing or is suspected of experiencing an overdose shall not be subject to professional review, be liable in a civil action, or be subject to criminal prosecution for this administration; and

WHEREAS, Health and Safety Code section 1799.113 provides qualified immunity to a person who, in good faith and not for compensation, renders emergency treatment at the scene of an opioid overdose or suspected opioid overdose by administering an opioid antagonist shall not be liable for civil damages resulting from an act or omission related to the rendering of the emergency treatment; and

WHEREAS, the City now desires to adopt and approve the attached City of Needles Naloxone Policy and Procedures attached hereto as Exhibit “A.”

**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 of the City of Needles Naloxone Policy and Procedures. The City Council of the City of Needles hereby adopts the City of Needles

Naloxone Policy and Procedures attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 3. Delegation of Authority. The City Manager is hereby delegated all authority necessary to implement the City of Needles Naloxone Policy and Procedures.

Section 4. Effective Date of Resolution. This resolution shall become effective on its adoption.

Section 5. 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 11th day of March 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Janet Jernigan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Candace Clark, Interim City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

John O. Pinkney
City Attorney

EXHIBIT “A”

TO

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