

ORDINANCE NO. 670-AC

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA,  
AMENDING CHAPTER 15A OF THE NEEDLES MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD SECTION 15A-  
7.2 ENTITLED SPLASH PAD AREA REGULATIONS

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Needles, California reviewed the proposed section 15A-7.2 of the Needles Municipal Code, entitled Splash Pad Area Regulations; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEEDLES DOES HEREBY 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 CEQA Section § 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 ("Needles Code").

**SECTION 3.** The City Council HEREBY APPROVE Ordinance 670-AC amending the Needles Code as follows:

Chapter 15A of the Needles Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

**Sec. 15A-7.2** Splash Pad Area Regulations

- a. A splash pad and associated water features are located at Duke Watkins Park. The City may install or place splash pads or water features at other City parks as authorized by the City Council. The splash pad days and hours of operation shall be posted on a sign at the park, along with applicable rules and regulations. The splash pad and water features shall generally be open and operational daily from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily. Notwithstanding the foregoing or the posted days and hours of operation, the splash pad and water features may be closed or rendered nonoperational due to weather, maintenance or operation concerns, or as otherwise determined by the City Manager or his/her designee. The City reserves the right to modify the splash pad regulations by ordinance or resolution. The most current adopted regulations shall be posted by the City at the park. It shall be unlawful for any person to not abide by the adopted and posted splash pad area regulations, including the following:
  1. Splash Pad hours are 5:00 am – 10:00 pm daily. Splash Pad is unsupervised. USE AT YOUR OWN RISK.
  2. Splash Pad is for ages 12 years and younger only. Children ages 7 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.
  3. Clean and proper swim attire must be worn while using the splash pad. Children who are not "toilet trained" must wear a swim diaper or plastic pants.
  4. Surfaces may be hot. Water shoes or proper footwear is strongly recommended.

5. No Climbing, hanging, swinging or sitting on the spray features.
  6. The following is NOT ALLOWED: Alcohol, Inline Skates, Running, Rough Play, Bicycles, Scooters, Glass, Pets, Water Balloons & Soaps.
  7. Splash Pad water is not suitable for drinking. DO NOT DRINK THE WATER.
  8. Prohibited use of the Splash Pad, if you have any infection condition or open wounds.
  9. Splash Pad may be closed at any time due to weather or maintenance.
- b. Any person who damages the splash pad or water features may be subject to civil or criminal citations and penalties.
- c. Any violation of any section herein shall be deemed to be an infraction and is punishable as such according to the provisions of the Needles Municipal Code and state or federal law.

**SECTION 4.** If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase added by this Ordinance, or any part thereof, is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid or ineffective by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remaining portions of this Ordinance or any part thereof. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivision, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases are declared unconstitutional, invalid or ineffective.

**SECTION 5.** This action shall become final and effective thirty (30) days after this decision by the City Council as provided by the Needles City Code.

**SECTION 6.** The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** that the City Council of the City of Needles, California, approve an amendment to the City Code.

**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 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Council Members Campbell, McCorkle, Merritt, Pogue, Belt, Longbrake  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

  
Janet Jernigan, Mayor  
(Seal)

ATTEST:   
Candace Clark, Interim City Clerk

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Needles, California, held on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of December 2024 by the following roll call vote:

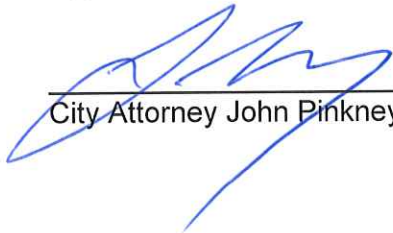
AYES: Council Members Campbell, McCorkle, Merritt, Pogue, Belt, Longbrake  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

  
Janet Jernigan, Mayor

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ATTEST:   
Candace Clark, Interim City Clerk

Approved as to form:

  
City Attorney John Pinkney