

RESOLUTION 2026-35

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEEDLES AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A PETITION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REQUESTING A TIME ZONE BOUNDARY CHANGE FOR THE CITY OF NEEDLES

WHEREAS, in June 2022, the City Council directed staff to research the City's ability to change from the Pacific Time Zone to the Mountain Time Zone and determined that any change to a federal time zone boundary falls under the jurisdiction of the United States Department of Transportation pursuant to the Uniform Time Act; and

WHEREAS, in September 2023, the City Council considered additional information regarding timekeeping and approved a letter supporting year-round Daylight-Saving Time as part of the broader discussion regarding the City's unique geographic location and regional relationships; and

WHEREAS, staff has continued to monitor federal developments regarding daylight saving time and has researched communities that have successfully completed the federal time zone petition process, including the City of West Wendover, Nevada; and

WHEREAS, under the Uniform Time Act, the United States Department of Transportation has the authority to establish and modify time zone boundaries and evaluates requests based on whether a proposed change would serve the "**convenience of commerce**"; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it appropriate to authorize the preparation and submission of a petition requesting that the United States Department of Transportation consider a change to the time zone boundary affecting the City of Needles and to compile the information necessary for federal review; and

WHEREAS, submission of a petition does not change the City's time zone or independently authorize the City to stop changing its clocks, and any requested change may only be approved by the United States Department of Transportation following its established federal review process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Needles hereby authorizes the City Manager to prepare and submit a petition to the United States Department of Transportation requesting a change to the time zone boundary affecting the City of Needles.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council authorizes and directs the City Manager, or designee, to prepare, execute, submit, and manage the petition and all supporting documentation, certifications, correspondence, maps, studies, letters of support, public outreach materials, and other information necessary to support the City's request throughout the federal review process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council authorizes and directs the City Manager, or designee, to coordinate with federal, state, regional, county, tribal, business, and community partners, and to obtain information, data, and letters of support necessary to assemble the administrative record in support of the petition.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council authorizes the City Manager, or designee, to provide supplemental information requested by the United States Department of Transportation and to take all administrative actions necessary to facilitate review of the City's petition, provided such actions are consistent with the intent of this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Needles held on August 11, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Mayor Janet Jernigan

ATTEST _____
City Clerk Candace Clark

APPROVED AS TO FORM _____
City Attorney