



City of Needles, California Request for City Council Action

☒ CITY COUNCIL ☐ NPUA ☐ HACN

☒ Regular ☐ Special

Meeting Date: August 11, 2026

Title: Ordinance 685-AC adopting by reference the 2025 California Fire Code, California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 9, together with applicable appendices and amendments adopted by the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District through Ordinance FPD 26-02

Background: The California Building Standards Commission adopts updated editions of the California Building Standards Code on a triennial basis. The California Fire Code is contained in Title 24, Part 9, of the California Code of Regulations and establishes minimum fire and life-safety standards applicable to buildings, structures, premises, operations, and activities throughout the state.

Fire protection and prevention services within the City of Needles are provided through the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District. On May 19, 2026, the Board of Directors for the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District (SBCFPD) adopted Ordinance No. FPD 26-02 ("Ordinance"). The Ordinance adopts the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District Fire Code, which adopts by reference the 2025 Edition of the California Fire Code, along with certain changes, modifications, amendments, additions, deletions, and exceptions to the 2025 Edition of the California Fire Code, relating to fire regulations, and the 2025 Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) Code. Adoption would maintain consistency between the City's municipal regulations and the fire-code requirements administered and enforced by the Fire Protection District within the City of Needles.

Except as otherwise provided herein, the proposed City ordinance would adopt by reference the 2025 California Fire Code, together with the applicable appendices, local amendments, and administrative provisions adopted by the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District through Ordinance No. FPD 26-02 (Attached as Exhibit A), subject to the modifications provided below.

- a) Section 903.2 of FPD 26-02 concerning automatic fire sprinkler systems, including any and all amendments or successors thereto that may hereafter be made and adopted, shall not apply within the boundaries of the City and it is deemed stricken in its entirety
- b) Exception number 2 of Section 503.2.3, "Surface" of FPD 26-02 including any and all amendments and successors thereto that may hereafter be made and adopted, shall not apply within the boundaries of the City and is deemed stricken and in place thereof Fire Apparatus Access Roads Surface Alternative Amendment dated June 12, 2020, attached hereto as Exhibit "B" is hereby re-adopted and shall continue in full force and effect.
- c) Section 505.1, "Address Identification" of the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District Ordinance FPD 26-02 including any and all amendments thereto that may hereafter be made and adopted, shall not apply to existing buildings within the boundaries of the City and to evidence the same the word "existing" is deemed stricken

Fiscal Impact: None

Recommendation: Waive the full reading and introduce by title only Ordinance 685-AC adopting by reference the 2025 California Fire Code, California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 9, together with applicable appendices and amendments adopted by the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District through Ordinance FPD 26-02 and direct the City Clerk to schedule and publish notice of a public hearing for September 8, 2026

Submitted By: Candace Clark, City Clerk

City Manager Approval: Patrick J. Martinez **Date:** 8/6/2026

Other Department Approval (when required): _____ **Date:** _____