

ORDINANCE NO. 685-AC

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA,
ADOPTING SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY ORDINANCE FPD 26-02
WHICH ADOPTS BY REFERENCE ITS VERSION OF 2025 EDITION OF THE
CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE SUBJECT TO MODIFICATIONS REFERENCED HEREIN
AND RESCINDING PRIOR ORDINANCE NO. 662-AC**

WHEREAS, the City of Needles has been annexed as part of the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District, providing fire protection and services; and

WHEREAS, the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District has adopted 'the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District Fire Code referencing the 2025 Edition of the California Fire Code; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District has adopted the 2025 Edition of the California Fire Code along with certain changes, modifications, amendments, additions, deletions, and exceptions, relating to fire regulations as shown in Exhibit A;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEEDLES AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council HEREBY FINDS AND DETERMINES that this activity is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") as the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. (14C.C.R. 15060)

SECTION 2. The City Council HEREBY FINDS AND DETERMINES that it is in the interests of the health, safety and general welfare of the City and its residents to amend CHAPTER 9 ARTICLE 1, SECTION 9-1 OF THE NEEDLES MUNICIPAL CODE TO READ AS FOLLOWS: :

9-1 Adoption of San Bernardino County Ordinance FPD 26-02 referencing the 2025 Edition of the California Fire Code Subject to Modifications

Except as otherwise provided herein, the City Council hereby adopts San Bernardino County Ordinance FPD 26-02, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference as Exhibit "A" as amended by the County Board of Supervisors from time to time, subject to the modifications provided below in subsections (a)-(c).

- 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.

SECTION 3. The City Council HEREBY FINDS AND DETERMINES that it is in the interests of the health, safety and general welfare of the City and its residents to approve rescinding Ordinance No. 662-AC and approve the attached Exhibit A thereby adopting the San Bernardino County Ordinance FPD 26-02 referencing the 2025 Edition of the California Fire Code, along with certain changes, modifications, amendments, additions, deletions, and exceptions, relating to fire regulations as provided herein. ____

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. The action shall become final and effective after thirty (30) days from its adoption by the City Council as provided for by the Code.

SECTION 6. Publication and Certification. The City Clerk shall cause this ordinance to be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation published and circulated in the City within fifteen (15) days after its passage in accordance with Section 36933 of the Government Code, shall certify to the adoption of this ordinance, and shall cause this ordinance and certification, together with proof of publication, to be entered in the book of ordinances of the Council of this City.

INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Needles, California, held on the 11th day of August 2026, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

The ordinance was thereafter set for a public hearing and consideration of adoption at a regular meeting of the City Council to be held on September 8, 2026.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Needles, California, held on the 8th day of September 2026, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Mayor Janet Jernigan

ATTEST:

City Clerk Candace Clark

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney