

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A FARE
INCREASE FOR RIDERSHIP ON THE SENIOR/DISABLED
DIAL-A-RIDE (DAR) TRANSPORTATION SERVICE
EFFECTIVE AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 2024

WHEREAS, the Senior/Disabled Dial-a-Ride (DAR) transportation service began operation in 1984 when the City and Needles Senior Citizens Club entered into an agreement for the Club to provide specialized transportation services to the elderly and disabled; and

WHEREAS, as of October 1, 2019, the City has contracted with Transportation Concepts (contract operator of the deviated fixed route service) to provide daily operation of the DAR; and

WHEREAS, the last DAR fare increase was July 1, 2018 and since that time, costs of providing service have continued to increase; and

WHEREAS, DAR is required to maintain a minimum 10% farebox recovery and due to the increased costs, fares have been insufficient to meet that requirement and eligible Local Funds are being used with the farebox revenues to satisfy the 10% fare ratio; and

WHEREAS, this increase will bring the DAR fare in line with the senior/disabled fare currently charged on the Needles Area Transit (NAT) which is standard in the transit industry; and

WHEREAS, a Notice of Public Hearing was published in the Needles Desert Star on December 6, 2023 in addition to being posted in the DAR vehicles, and said public hearing was held on January 9, 2024 at which time all persons were provided an opportunity to speak for or against the proposed increase in fares.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Needles, California, hereby approves a fare increase, effective as of February 1, 2024, for ridership on the Senior/Disabled Dial-a-Ride (DAR) transportation service as follows:

Senior/Disabled Dial-a-Ride (DAR):

- 1) \$1.25 each boarding for trips in and around Needles
- 2) \$1.25 roundtrip to the senior noon meal program at the Needles Senior Citizens Center

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Needles, California, held on the 9th day of January, 2024, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney