

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEEDLES,
CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 15A-7 DESIGNATED
SKATEBOARDING AREAS HOURS OF OPERATION**

WHEREAS, the City of Needles parks provide amenities for various activities including playground equipment, skateboard and boat launch facilities, and beach areas for water recreation; and

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2022 the Needles City Council considered all testimony and any documentary evidence presented to them in order to make the following determination; and

WHEREAS, the City Council tabled this item to the April 26 meeting based on public testimony and council discussion revising the proposed ordinance.

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

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 reasonable 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 (NMC).

SECTION 3. The City Council HEREBY APPROVES Ordinance No. 650-AC for an amendment to the Needles Municipal Code (NMC) as follows:

Amended 15A-7 to read: Designated Skateboarding Areas

The following regulations shall apply within designated skateboarding areas:

a) In the Designated Skateboarding Areas, it shall be unlawful to enter or remain on the premises between the hours 10:00 P.M. of one day and 5:00 A.M. of the following day, or by special permit:

~~(a) No person shall skate or skateboard at times other than those established as the hours of operation.~~

~~(1) The hours of operation shall be 10:00 P.M. of one day and 5:00 A.M. of the following day, or by special permit:~~

(b) No person shall skate or skateboard when the designated skateboard park area is wet;

(c) No person shall cause or initiate any acts of violence or hazing to another person inside or around the designated skateboard park area;

(d) Only skateboards and in-line skates shall be allowed in the designated skateboard park area;

(e) No person shall use the designated skateboard park area unless they wear proper safety equipment including a helmet, elbow pads, and knee pads;

(f) No person shall consume food or drink in the designated skateboard park area;

(g) No person shall use alcohol or drugs in the designated skateboard park area;

(h) All persons using the designated skateboard park area must place trash in cans provided by the City or such persons shall be removed from the designated skateboard park area;

(i) No person shall cause graffiti or tagging in or around the designated skateboard park area; and

(j) No person shall skate on the curbs, planters, benches, steps, railing, and driveways of city-owned areas.

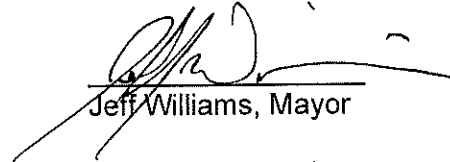
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SECTION 4. This action shall become final and effective 30 days after this decision by the City Council as provided by the Needles City Code.

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 26th day of April 2022, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Council Members Campbell, Evans, Merritt, Paget and Longacre
NOES: None
ABSENT: Councilmember Belt
ABSTAIN: None



Jeff Williams, Mayor

Attest:



Dale Jones, City Clerk

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Needles, California, held on the 10th day of May 2022, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

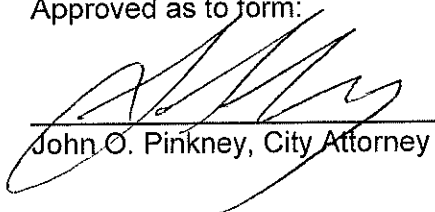
Jeff Williams, Mayor

(Seal)

Attest:

Dale Jones, City Clerk

Approved as to form:



John O. Pinkney, City Attorney