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## AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION  
CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 03, 2025 AT 4:00 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 1111 BAILEY AVE., NEEDLES

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CALL TO ORDER  
ROLL CALL  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
CONFLICT OF INTEREST  
CORRESPONDENCE  
INTRODUCTIONS

**AS A COURTESY TO THOSE IN ATTENDANCE, WE WOULD ASK THAT CELL PHONES BE TURNED OFF OR SET IN THEIR SILENT MODE. THANK YOU**

**PUBLIC APPEARANCE** - Persons wishing to address the Commissioners on subjects other than those scheduled are requested to do so at this time. When called by the Chair, please announce your name and address for the record. In order to conduct a timely meeting, a three-minute time limit per person has been established by Municipal Code Section 2-18. Amendments to the California Government Code Section 54950 prohibits the Commissioners from taking action on a specific item until it appears on the agenda.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

- 1.** Adopt Planning Commission Resolution 12-03-2025-PC recommending City Council approval of a Conditional Use Permit Application For A Proposed Licensed Retail Cannabis Dispensary And Related Tenant Improvements At 1611 Needles Highway Within The General Commercial (C-2) Land Use Zoning District; APN 0185-062-25
  - Staff Report
  - Council questions of staff
  - Chair to open the public hearing
  - Public Comment
  - Chair to close the public hearing
  - Commissioners Discussion / Deliberation
  - Adopt Planning Commission Resolution 12-03-2025-PC recommending City Council approval of a Conditional Use Permit Application For A Proposed Licensed Retail Cannabis Dispensary And Related Tenant Improvements At 1611 Needles Highway Within The General Commercial (C-2) Land Use Zoning District; APN 0185-062-25. (ACT)

### **REGULAR ITEMS**

- 2.** Approve the Minutes of August 6, 2025 (ACT)

### **COMMISSIONER REQUESTS**

## **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

[City](#) Manager Reports for the weeks of November 14 and 21, 2025

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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**Posted: November 26, 2025**

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If a decision is made at this hearing and you later disagree with the decision, only issues raised at the public hearing or in written form at or before the public hearing can be considered.

I hereby certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing Agenda was posted at the front entrance of City Hall not less than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Dated this 26th day of November, 2025

/s/ Candace Clark, CPMC, CMC, City Clerk



## City of Needles, California Request for Commission Action

CITY COUNCIL  PLANNING COMMISSION  Regular  Special

**MEETING DATE:** December 3, 2025

**TITLE:** Planning Commission Resolution No. 12-03-2025-PC of the City Of Needles Recommending City Council Approval of a Conditional Use Permit For A Licensed Retail Cannabis Dispensary And Related Tenant Improvements At 1611 Needles Highway, APN 0185-062-26-0000, within The General Commercial (C-2) Zoning District

**APPLICANT:** Norman Yousif, on behalf of Off The Charts (OTC)

**LOCATION:** 1611 Needles Highway; APN 0185-062-26-0000

**BACKGROUND:** The applicant, Off The Charts (OTC), is requesting approval of a Conditional Use Permit to establish a licensed retail cannabis dispensary within an existing commercial building located at 1611 Needles Highway. The site is approximately 0.28 acres, zoned General Commercial (C-2), and has been vacant for several years. The proposed project includes tenant improvements, building upgrades, and site enhancements, representing a significant reinvestment that will activate an underutilized parcel and enhance the surrounding commercial corridor. The applicant proposes standard cannabis retail operations with customer check-in procedures, controlled access, secure product handling, inventory tracking, and adherence to all state and local regulations.

The subject property is located on Needles Highway within the General Commercial (C-2) zoning district and carries a General Plan land use designation of General Commercial. The existing building has remained vacant for an extended period, contributing to underutilization along this commercial corridor. Surrounding uses include commercial and residential development to the south and vacant commercial parcels to the north, east and west. Cannabis retail is a conditionally permitted use in the C-2 district under the Needles Municipal Code, requiring approval of a Conditional Use Permit to ensure operational compatibility and compliance with safety and design standards.

The applicant proposes to renovate the existing building to accommodate cannabis retail operations. Interior tenant improvements will include controlled customer access, secure check-in areas, retail display space, and compliance-based storage and security systems. Exterior improvements will include façade upgrades, new lighting, ADA access improvements, repainting, landscaping, and repairs or upgrades to the parking lot, pavement, and striping. Security enhancements will include surveillance cameras, controlled entry points, and perimeter safety improvements. The operation will prohibit on-site consumption, maintain strict odor control, and ensure that no cannabis product is visible from the exterior. Customers will enter through a secured lobby, undergo ID verification, and proceed into the retail area only after authorization. The project is expected to improve the site's appearance, enhance public safety, and contribute positively to the commercial environment along Needles Highway.

The applicant proposes secure access controls, on-site security staffing, 24/7 surveillance monitoring, and comprehensive compliance procedures. The operation will prohibit loitering and on-site consumption and will implement odor-control measures to ensure no off-site impacts.

Redevelopment of the long-vacant site will provide economic investment, job creation, improved visual character, and potential increases in tax revenue. The project will strengthen commercial activity and contribute to corridor beautification.

**CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP) FINDINGS:** In accordance with Section 94.06(c), the Planning Commission must make the following findings to recommend approval of a conditional use permit:

1. The requested permit is conditionally within its jurisdiction according to the table of permissible uses.
2. The application is complete
3. The use will not endanger public health or safety.
4. The development will be in conformity with the Needles General Plan.

**PUBLIC NOTIFICATION:** A public hearing notice was published in the Needles Desert Star on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, and posted in two conspicuous locations. Notices were sent to property owners within 300' of the proposed project site.

**ENVIRONMENTAL: CEQA Compliance – Categorical Exemption (Section 15301, Class 1):** The proposed project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption under Section 15301 (Class 1) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines. This exemption applies to projects involving minor alterations to existing structures with negligible or no expansion of the existing use. The project involves commercial use within an existing structure and minor site improvements. The building footprint will remain unchanged, and no significant expansion of the existing structure or use is proposed.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends that the Planning Commission adopt Resolution No. 12-03-2025-PC recommending that the City Council approve the Conditional Use Permit authorizing the establishment and operation of a licensed retail cannabis dispensary at 1611 Needles Highway.

**SUBMITTED BY:** Irene Romero, City Planner

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Vicinity Map
2. Project Plans
3. Planning Commission Resolution 12-03-2025-PC, Findings, and Conditions of Approval
4. CUP Application

**City Manager Approval:** Patrick J. Martinez

**Date:** 11/26/2025

**Other Department Approval (when required):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



# VICINITY MAP

DATE: December 3, 2025

PROJECT: CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION FOR A PROPOSED LICENSED RETAIL CANNABIS DISPENSARY AND RELATED TENANT IMPROVEMENTS AT 1611 NEEDLES HIGHWAY WITHIN THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL (C-2) LAND USE ZONING DISTRICT; APN 0185-062-26



1611 Needles Highway, Needles, CA92363



Site Map 11

ARCHITECTURAL	
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A1.00	Site Plan
A1.01	Enlarged Site Pan
A1.02	Conceptual Lighting Plan
A1.03	Conceptual Landscape Plan
A2.01	Floor Plan
A3.01	Elevations N-E
A3.02	Elevations S-W

Drawing List 4

Site Address	1611 Needles Highway, Needles, CA
ZIP	92363
Lot Size	112,196.8 SF (0.28 Acre)
Assessor Parcel No. (APN)	0185062260000
Land Use Category	General Commercial
Zoning	C-2 General Commercial
District	16   Joshua Tree
Occupancy Classification	M
Construction Type	Type V-B
Number of Stories	One Story
Sprinklered	No (No Change)

Occupancy / Zoning 7

APPLICANT:	NORMAN & DARLINE YOUSIF 1611 NEEDLES HIGHWAY, NEEDLES, CA 92363 TEL: (949) 335-2997 CONTACT: MATTHEW JONES
ARCHITECT:	GIBBS ARCHITECTS 3575 LONG BEACH BLVD. LONG BEACH, CA 90807 TEL: (562) 981-2000 CONTACT: KURT GIBBS

Project Team 3a

**CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION FOR A PROPOSED LICENSED RETAIL CANNABIS DISPENSARY AND RELATED TENANT IMPROVEMENTS AT 1611 NEEDLES HIGHWAY WITHIN THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL (C-2) LAND USE ZONING DISTRICT; APN 0185-062-25**

AREA BREAKDOWN:		OCCUPANT LOAD CALCULATIONS:	
RETAIL	1,006 SF	TOTAL AREA	-1,647 SF
STORAGE	243 SF	- 1,006 / 60 =	16.7 ~ 17
OFFICE	194 SF	- 119 / 15 =	7.9 ~ 8
BREAK AREA	119 SF	- 243 / 300 =	0.81 ~ 1
EXISTING RESTROOM	50 SF	194 / 150 =	1.28 ~ 2
HALLWAY	35 SF		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,647 SF</b>	<b>Total Occupant Load =</b>	<b>28</b>

**PARKING CALCULATIONS:**  
1,647 SF RETAIL / 250 SF /SPACE  
- 6.6 ~ 7 SPACES REQUIRED

**7 TOTAL PARKING SPACES REQUIRED**  
**10 TOTAL PARKING SPACES PROVIDED**

Project Information 2

- 2025 California Building Code
- 2025 California Fire Code
- 2025 California Mechanical Code
- 2025 California Plumbing Code
- 2025 California Electrical Code
- 2025 California Energy Code
- 2025 California Green Building Standards Code

**ELECTRICITY**  
Needles Public Utility Authority  
817 Third St,  
Needles, CA 92363  
(760) 326-2115 ext.140

**GAS**  
Southern California Gas Company  
1100 Arizona Ave,  
Needles, CA 92363  
(877) 238-0092

**WATER / WASTEWATER**  
Needles Public Utility Authority  
817 Third St,  
Needles, CA 92363  
(760) 326-2115 ext.140

**INTERNET**  
Route 66 Broadband  
1058 East Broadway,  
Needles, CA 92363  
(760) 326-2419

Applicable Building Code / Utility Information 1

**NO CHANGES TO STOREFRONT.**  
**NO CHANGES TO ELECTRICAL.**  
**NO CHANGES TO PLUMBING.**

**ADDING RETAIL CABINETS, POINTS OF SALE, AND SHELVES.**

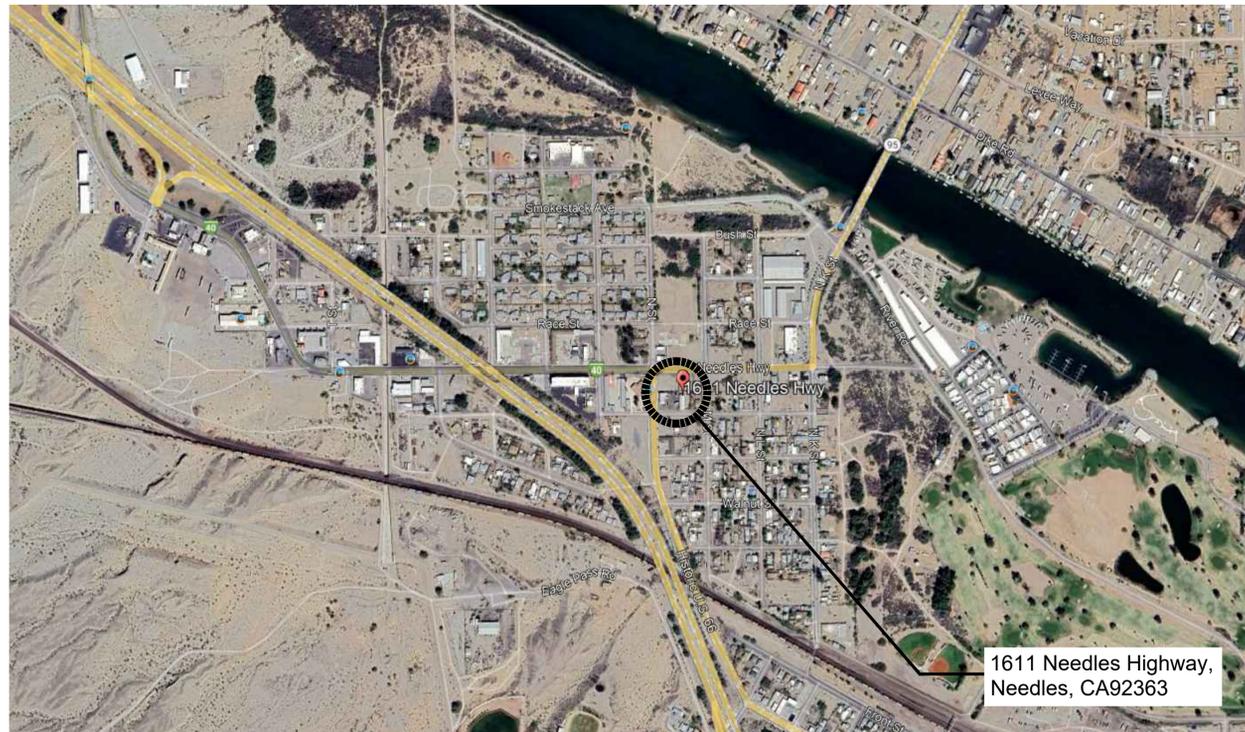
Work is limited to:

- NEW POINTS OF SALE.
- NEW RETAIL COUNTERS AND SHELVES
- NEW WALL

Area of Work:1,647 SF

**NOTE:**  
THERE WILL BE NO HANDLING OF RAW OR "HOT" FOODS WITHIN THE PREMISES.  
THERE WILL BE NO EDIBLES AND/OR BEVERAGES FOR SALE AT THIS LOCATION.  
RETAIL ITEMS ARE DELIVERED PRE-PACKAGED AND READY FOR SALE.

Scope Of Work 5



1611 Needles Highway, Needles, CA92363



Vicinity Map 9



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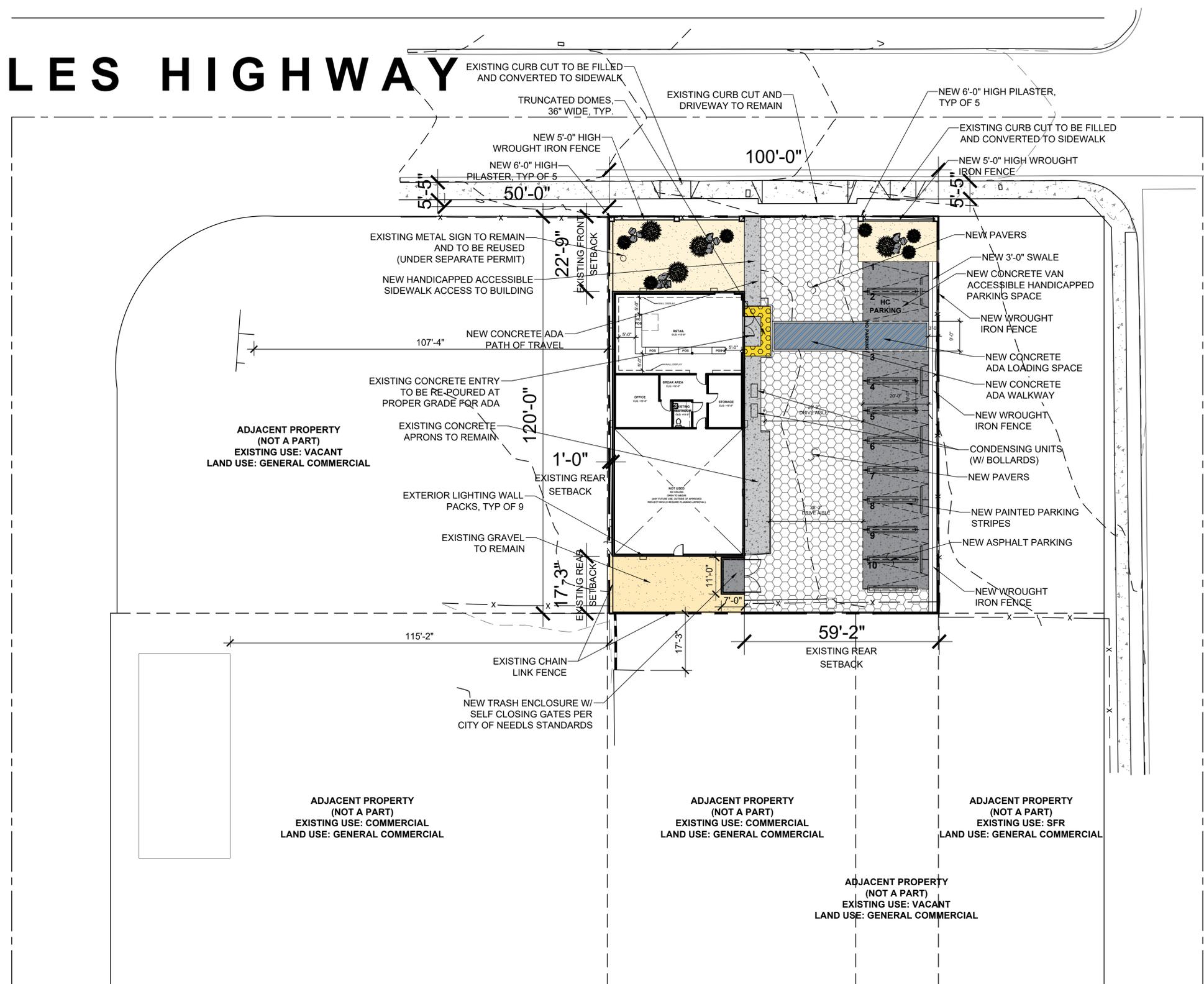
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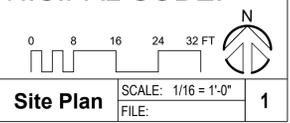
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# N M STREET



**NOTES:**

- ALL SITEWORK TO COORDINATE WITH CIVIL SHEET C-1
- PROJECT PLANS SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS UNDER SECTION 111.04.18 AND SECTION 111.04.22 OF THE CITY OF NEEDLES MUNICIPAL CODE.





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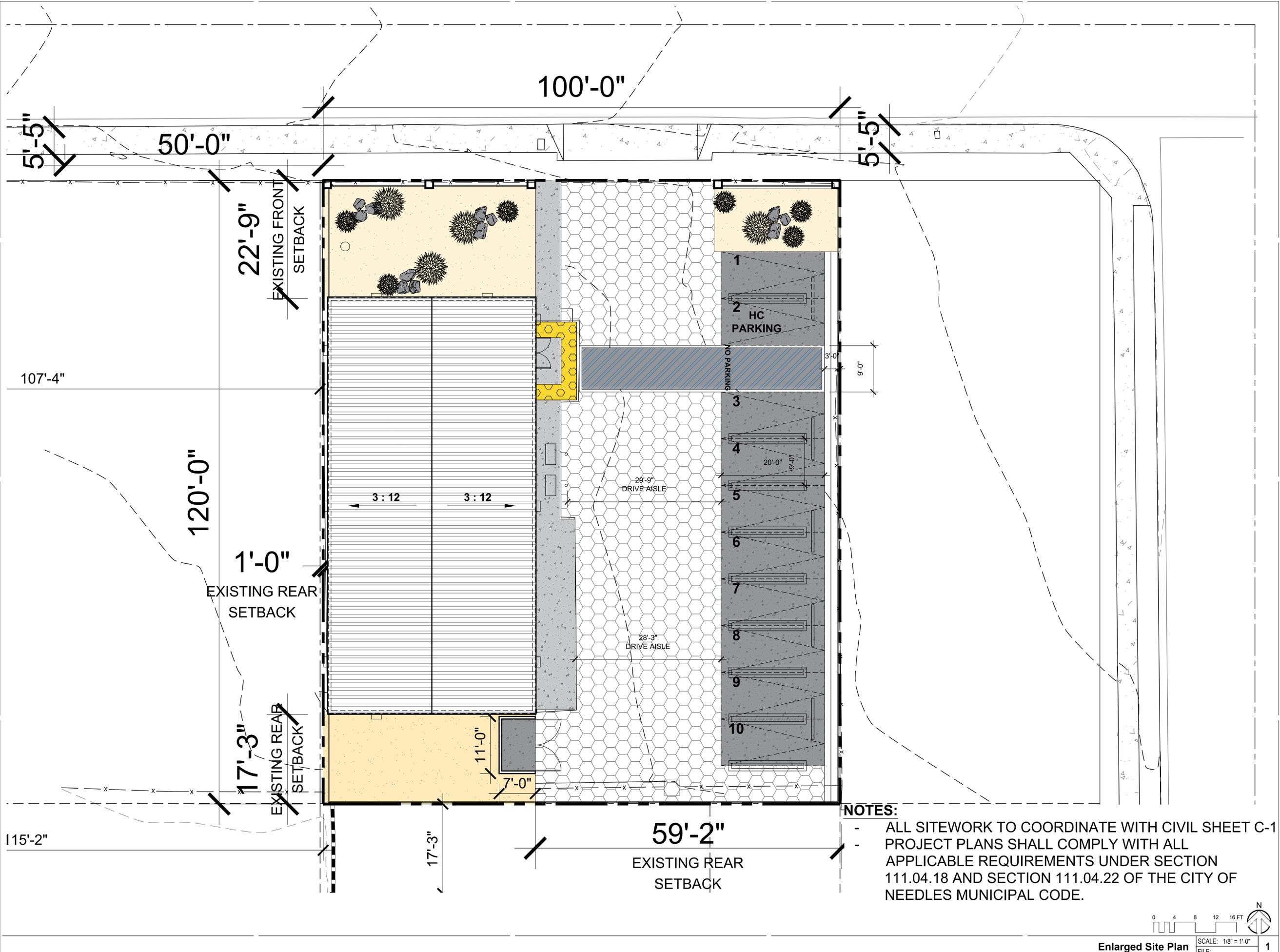
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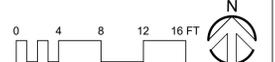
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**Enlarged Site Plan**

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Enlarged Site Plan  
 SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"  
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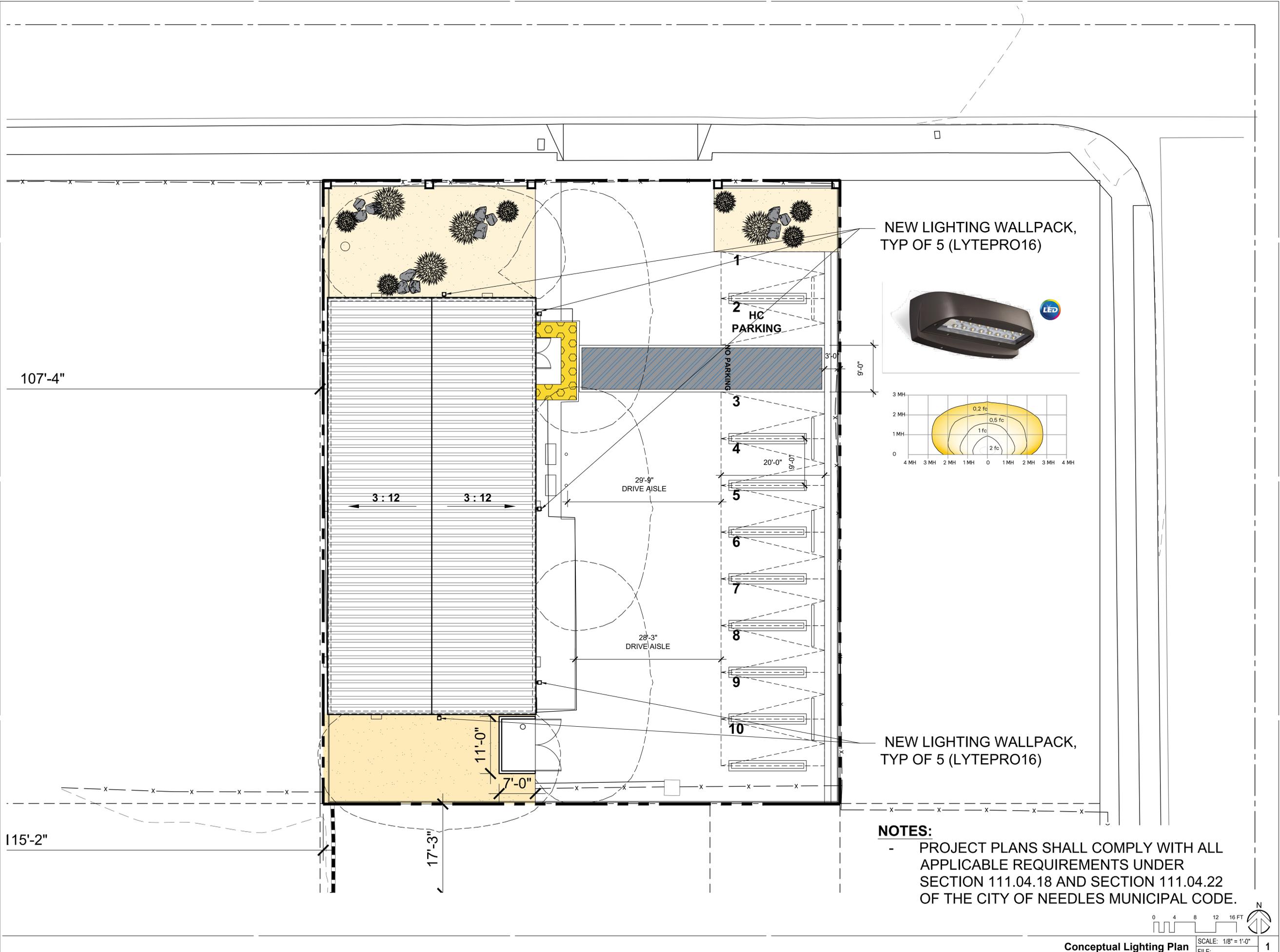
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**Conceptual Lighting Plan**

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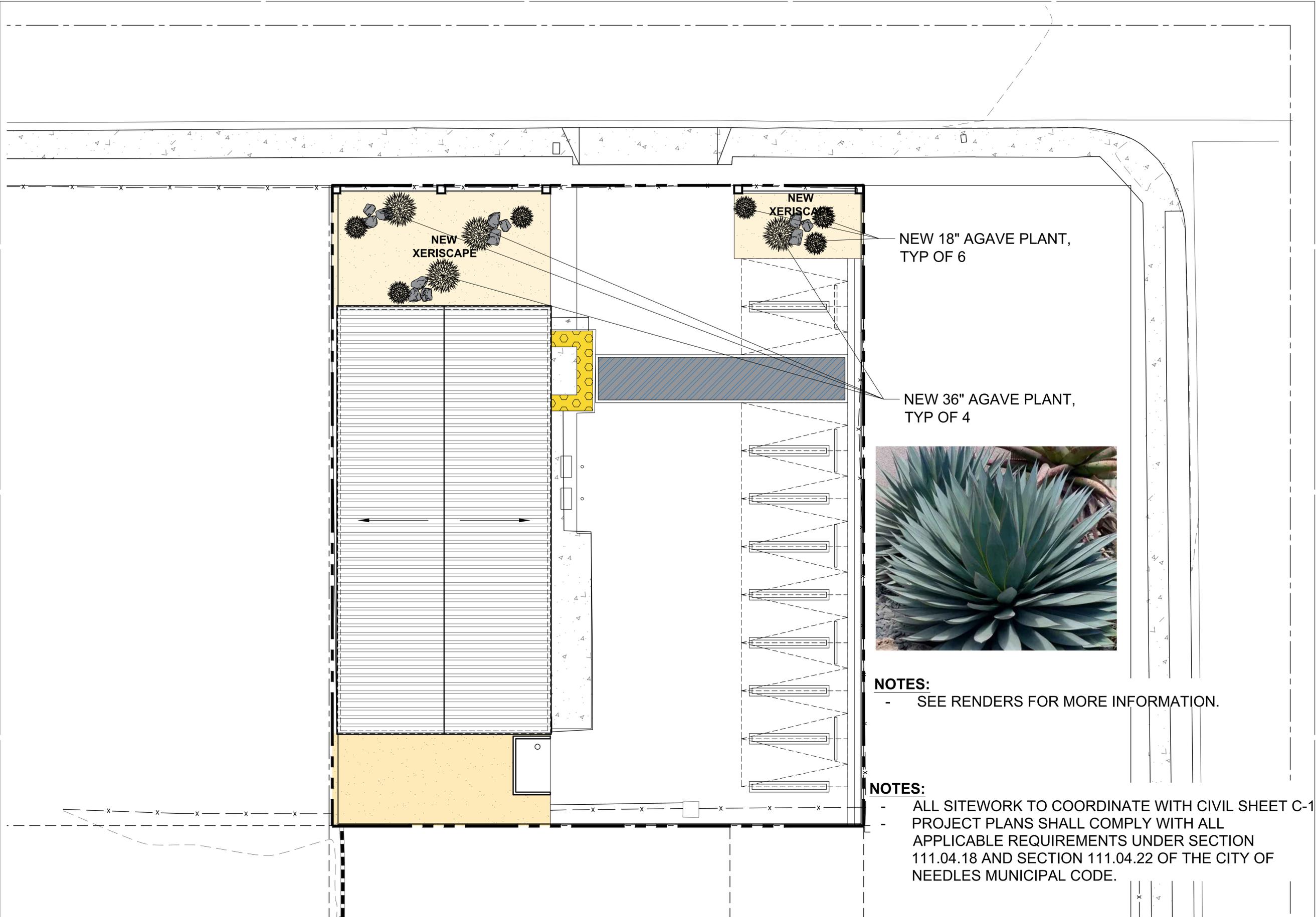
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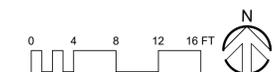
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TYP OF 6

NEW 36" AGAVE PLANT,  
TYP OF 4



**NOTES:**  
- SEE RENDERS FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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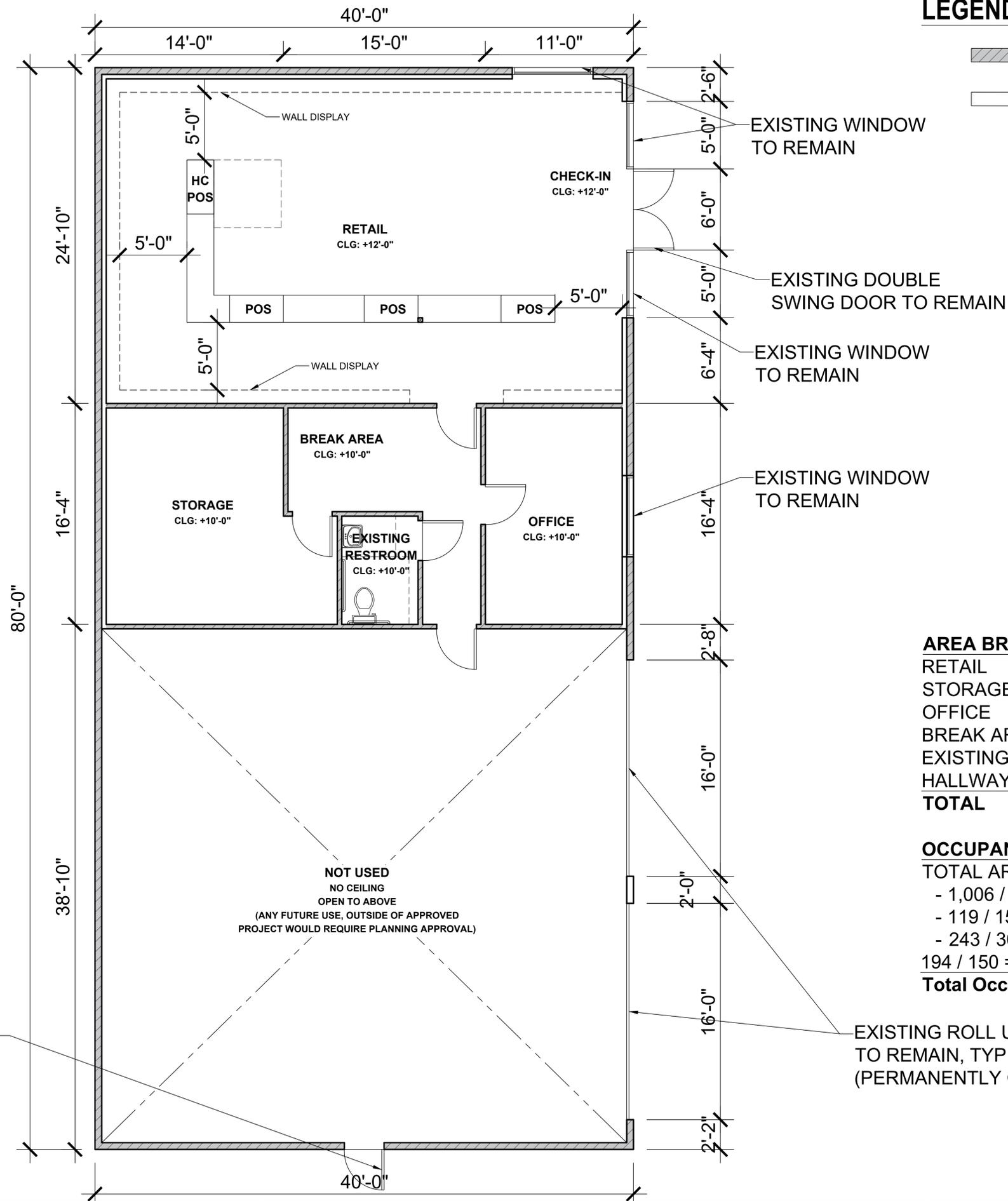
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**Floor Plan**

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**LEGEND:**

- EXISTING WALLS
- NEW WALLS

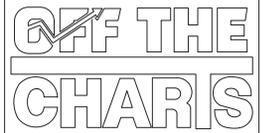


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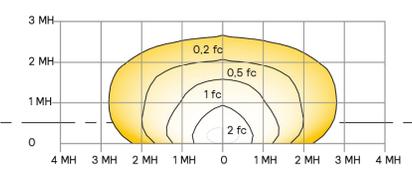
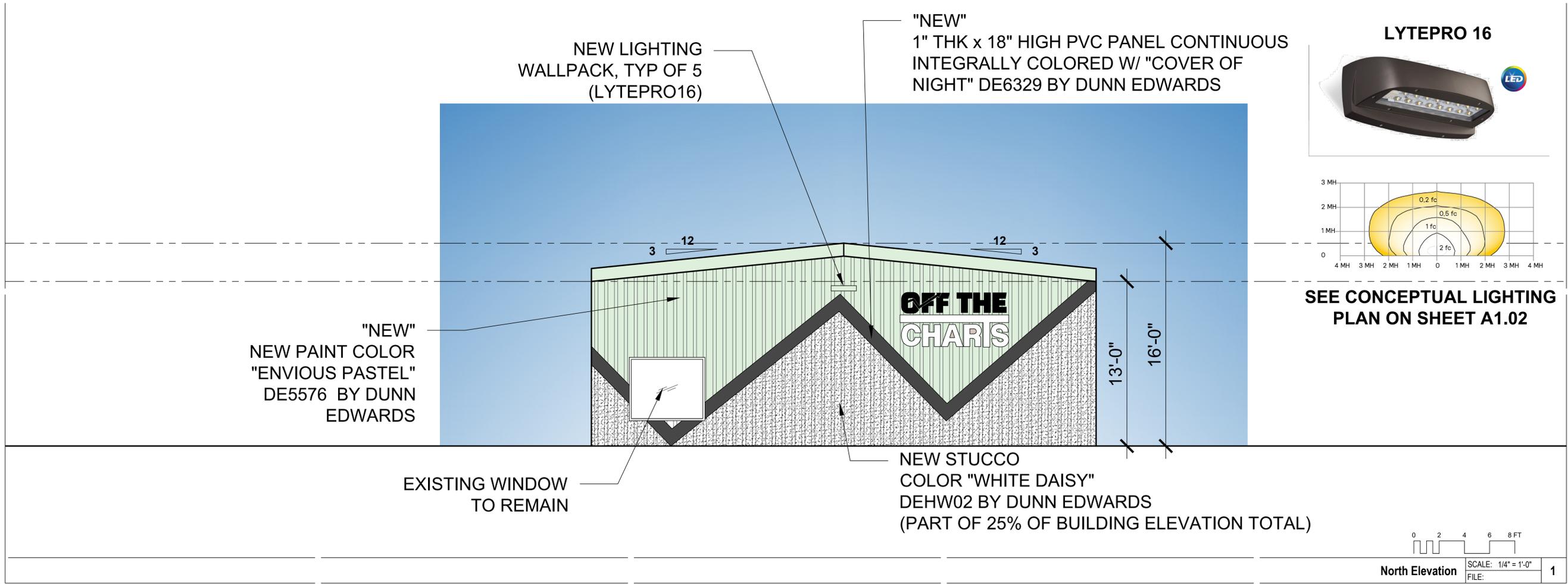
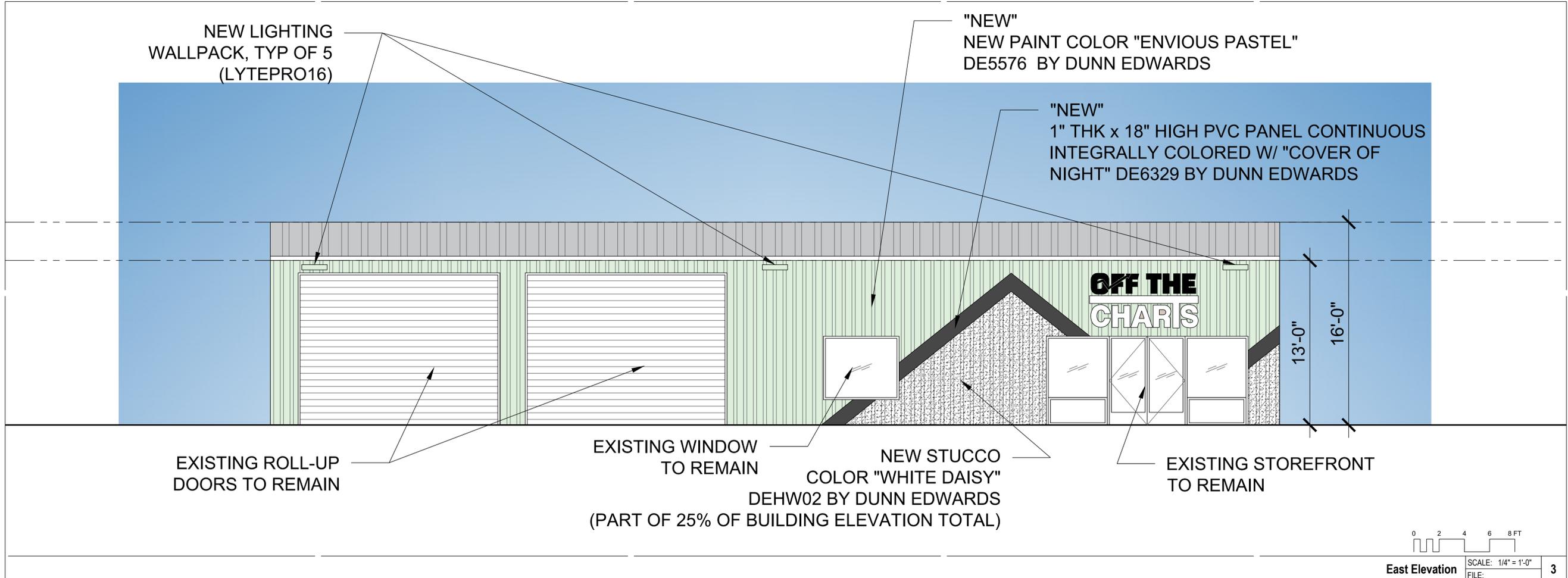
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SEE CONCEPTUAL LIGHTING PLAN ON SHEET A1.02



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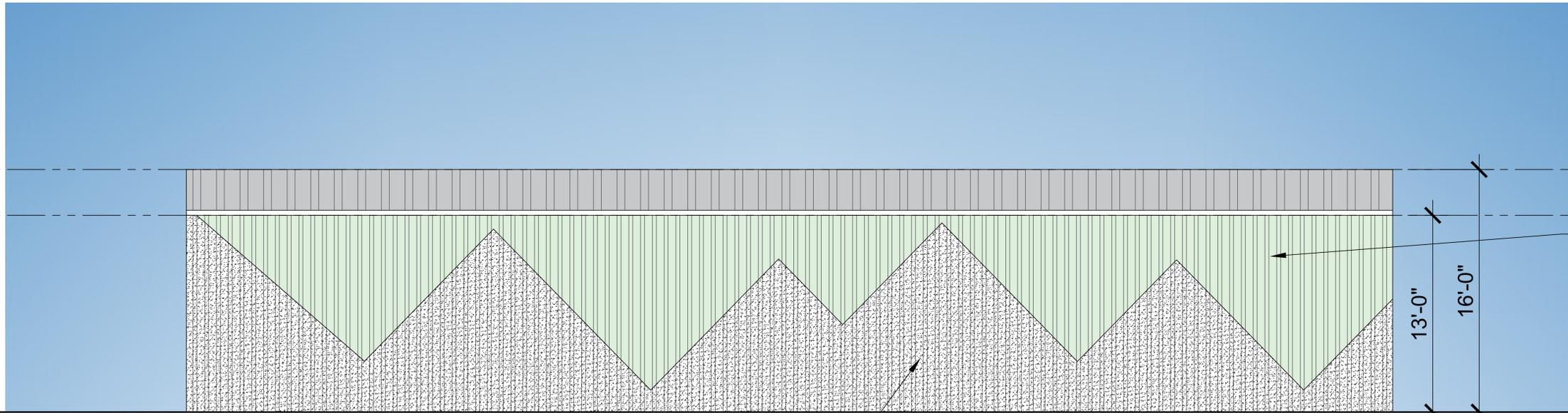
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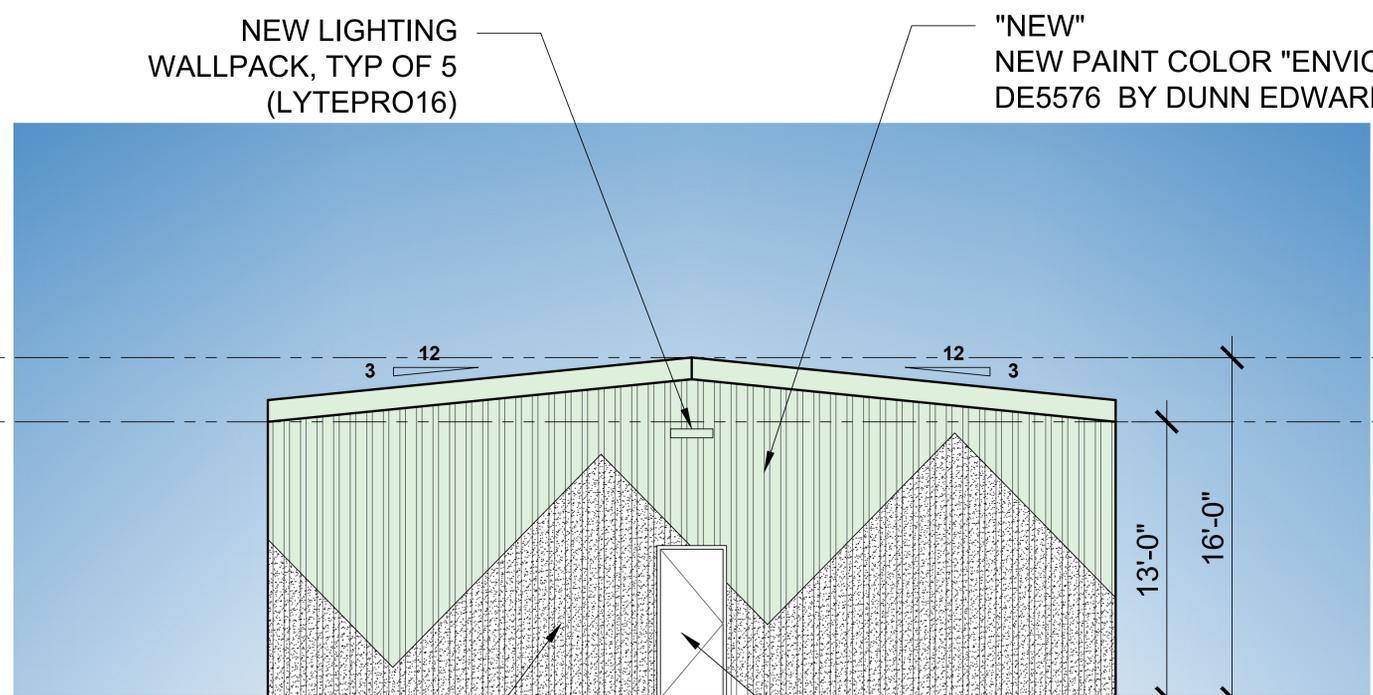


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(PART OF 25% OF BUILDING ELEVATION TOTAL)

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"ENVIIOUS PASTEL"  
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EDWARDS



West Elevation SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0" FILE: 3

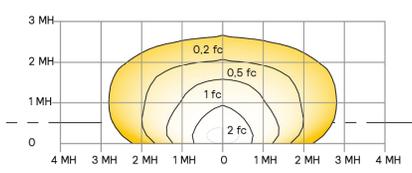


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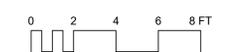
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DE5576 BY DUNN EDWARDS

NEW LIGHTING  
WALLPACK, TYP OF 5  
(LYTEPRO16)



SEE CONCEPTUAL LIGHTING  
PLAN ON SHEET A1.02



South Elevation SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0" FILE: 1

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-03-2025-PC**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NEEDLES  
RECOMMENDING CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL OF A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT  
FOR A LICENSED RETAIL CANNABIS DISPENSARY AND RELATED  
TENANT IMPROVEMENTS AT 1611 NEEDLES HIGHWAY, APN 0185-062-26,  
WITHIN THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL (C-2) ZONING DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, Off The Charts (OTC) submitted an application for a Conditional Use Permit to establish and operate a licensed retail cannabis dispensary at 1611 Needles Highway; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 13, 2022, City Council Ordinance No. 656-AC was approved allowing a retail cannabis dispensary in zones C1, C2, C3, M1 and M2, with a Conditional Use Permit and Regulatory Permit; and

**WHEREAS**, the parcel being considered for cannabis retail cannabis dispensary is currently zoned C-2 "General Commercial" for APN 0185-062-26-0000; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing notice for the Needles Planning Commission meeting was published in the Needles Desert Star on November 19, 2025, at least 10 days prior to said meeting, and notices were sent to property owners within a 300-foot radius of the subject property specifying the date, time and location of the public hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 3, 2025, the Needles Planning Commission held a duly noticed and advertised public hearing to receive oral and written testimony relative to the Conditional Use Permit **RESOLUTION 12-03-2025-PC**; and was recommended for approval unanimously; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 94.06(c) of the Needles City Code describes the findings required to approve a Conditional Use Permit; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission finds that the project meets all required findings and is consistent with the General Plan and Municipal Code.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Planning Commission recommends that the City Council approve the Conditional Use Permit for a licensed retail cannabis dispensary at 1611 Needles Highway, APN 0185-062-26-0000, subject to Conditions of Approval.

**SECTION 1.** The Planning Commission HEREBY FINDS AND DETERMINES that this project is categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act, under Section 15301 (Class 1) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines. This exemption applies to projects involving minor alterations to existing structures with negligible or no expansion of the existing use. The project involves commercial use within an existing structure and minor site improvements. The building footprint will remain unchanged, and no significant expansion of the existing structure or use is proposed.

**SECTION 2.** The Planning Commission HEREBY FINDS AND DETERMINES, with reports and findings, that facts do exist to approve **Resolution 12-03-2025-PC**, subject to conditions, according to the criteria specified in Section 94.06 of the Needles City Code:

A. *That the requested permit is within its jurisdiction according to the table of permissible uses.*

**FINDING:** The requested Conditional Use Permit is within the jurisdiction of the Planning Commission and City Council because retail cannabis uses are conditionally permitted within the General Commercial (C-2) zoning district pursuant to the Needles Municipal Code. Approval of a CUP is the appropriate mechanism for authorizing cannabis retail activities in this zoning designation, and the application falls squarely within the City's established review and approval procedures for such uses.

B. *The Application is Complete*

**FINDING:** Staff has reviewed the application and determined that all required materials, forms, plans, and operational information have been submitted in accordance with the City's CUP filing requirements. The application includes sufficient detail for staff and the Planning Commission to evaluate the project's operational characteristics, site improvements, compliance measures, and compatibility with surrounding uses. Therefore, the application is deemed complete for the purposes of processing and consideration.

C. *The development is in general conformity with the Needles General Plan.*

**FINDING:** The proposed development is consistent with the goals and policies of the Needles General Plan, which encourage reinvestment in commercial areas, the reuse of vacant and underutilized buildings, and the expansion of economic opportunities within the city. The project supports General Plan objectives

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commercial revitalization, corridor enhancement, public safety, and economic development. By improving an existing commercial site along Needles Highway and providing a regulated commercial service, the development aligns with the General Plan's vision for this corridor.

*D. The development is in harmony with the area in which it is located.*

**FINDING:** The development is in harmony with the surrounding area because it is located within an established commercial corridor composed of similar commercial and service-oriented uses. The proposed improvements, including façade enhancements, new lighting, landscaping, ADA access upgrades, and parking lot repairs will significantly improve the site's appearance and complement nearby properties. The operational characteristics, including controlled access, security measures, and odor management, ensure that the use will function compatibly with surrounding development. The project activates a long-vacant parcel and contributes positively to the overall commercial environment along Needles Highway.

*E. The development will not materially endanger the public health or safety.*

**FINDING:** The development will not endanger public health or safety because the operation of a cannabis retail facility is subject to stringent state and local regulatory requirements. The applicant will implement extensive security measures, including surveillance cameras, access controls, alarm systems, and on-site security personnel. The operation prohibits on-site consumption and loitering, maintains strict odor-control measures, and complies with all applicable building, fire, and accessibility codes. These safeguards ensure that the facility operates in a safe, secure, and orderly manner that does not pose risks to the public.

*F. The development will not substantially injure the value of adjoining or abutting properties.*

**FINDING:** The development will not substantially injure the value of adjoining or abutting properties. Instead, the project is expected to enhance surrounding property values by improving a long-vacant and underutilized commercial building. Planned improvements, including renovations to the building exterior, enhancements to lighting, landscaping, accessibility, and parking will contribute positively to the visual and functional character of the area. The project's regulated operations, security protocols, and clean, updated appearance will reduce potential nuisances and may encourage further investment in surrounding properties.

**SECTION 3.** The Planning Commission HEREBY FINDS AND DETERMINES that facts do exist to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 12-03-2025-PC**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Planning Commission recommends that the City Council approve the Conditional Use Permit for a licensed retail cannabis dispensary at 1611 Needles Highway, APN 0185-062-26, subject to Conditions of Approval.

**SECTION 4.** This action shall become final and effective fifteen (15) days after this decision by the City Council, unless within such period, a written appeal is filed with the City Clerk for consideration by the City Council as provided by the Needles City Code.

1. Conditional Use Permit ("CUP") No. 12-03-2025-PC authorizes one (1) cannabis retail business within the existing building on the site located at 1611 Needles Highway. This CUP does not authorize cooperative/collective uses, manufacturing, distribution, cultivation, or testing laboratory activities at this site.
2. The Applicant/Owner/Operator, and his/her/its successor(s) in interest ("Applicant") shall comply with all conditions of this CUP, including the Needles Municipal Code ("Municipal Code") and Chapter 12A thereof, the City Zoning Code, including Article IV and Section 94 thereof, and all applicable laws, policies, rules and regulations of the City, County, and State; and shall comply with any requirements associated with this approval or with the issuance of any Consumption License as required by Chapter 12A of the Municipal Code.
3. The project shall conform to all plans, materials, and documents submitted as part of the CUP. Any deviation or modification shall require Planning review and approval.
4. With the exception for amendments and/or modifications that are consistent with Section 94.15 of the City's Zoning Code, anything not shown on the CUP application or the Site Plan, or which is not specifically approved herein, or which is not in compliance with the CUP, is not approved. Any application and/or plans which are defective as to, but not limited to, omissions, dimensions, scale, use, colors, materials, encroachments, easements, etc., shall render any entitlements granted here under null and void. Construction (if any) shall cease until all requirements of this CUP are complied with, and development entitlements may be withheld until any Code violations are abated.

5. The Applicant shall obtain a Cannabis Regulatory Permit from the City and a State cannabis retail license prior to commencing operations. Suspension or revocation of any required license shall immediately suspend cannabis operations.
6. The approval for CUP No. 12-03-2025-PC is subject to the twelve (12) month expiration provisions of Section 94.13(a) of the City's Zoning Code.
7. The permit issuing authority may extend for a period of up to twelve (12) months, the date when the permit would otherwise expire pursuant to 94.13(a) if it concludes that: (1) the permit has not yet expired; (2) the permit recipient has proceeded with due diligence and in good faith; and (3) conditions have not changed so substantially as to warrant a new application.
8. The Applicant shall indemnify and hold the City harmless from all claims arising from the approval or operation of the cannabis business.

As a condition of approval, the Applicant shall:

- (a) Execute an indemnification agreement acceptable to the City.
  - (b) Maintain insurance with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 per claim and \$2,000,000 aggregate.
  - (c) Name the City as an additional insured; and
  - (d) Defend, at its sole expense, any action brought against the City related to the approval or operation of the cannabis business.
9. All construction shall comply with current Building, Fire, Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing Codes and any conditions imposed by the Fire Department.
  10. The Applicant shall obtain a Certificate of Occupancy prior to operation. All required inspections shall be completed to the satisfaction of the City.
  11. Within fifteen (15) days of final approval by City Council, the Applicant shall submit a signed acknowledgment confirming acceptance of these Conditions of Approval.
  12. A scanned copy of the signed Conditions shall be included in the Building Construction Plans submitted for plan check.
  13. The Applicant shall pay all established service, permit, impact, environmental, and other applicable fees required by the City as a condition of this CUP.
  14. The Applicant shall apply for and obtain a Cannabis Retail License prior to operating the cannabis consumption business conditionally authorized by this CUP and shall at all times comply with the provisions of such license and applicable City Codes and regulations. The revocation or suspension of any required regulatory license shall operate to suspend all operations.
  15. Hours shall comply with all State and local cannabis retail regulations.
  16. The following are prohibited:
    - On-site consumption of cannabis
    - Outdoor cannabis sales or display
    - Alcohol sales or consumption
    - Medical evaluations or physician recommendations
    - Special events without City approval
  17. The Applicant shall install and maintain an odor-control system that prevents cannabis odors from being detected outside the building.
  18. All cannabis products shall be stored in locked, secure locations during and after operating hours.
  19. Graffiti shall be removed or painted over within twenty-four (24) hours of occurrence.
  20. An emergency access and evacuation plan shall be filed with the Fire Department and law enforcement.
  21. A Security Plan shall be reviewed and approved by the City Manager or designee prior to issuance of a building permit.
  22. A 24-hour digital surveillance system shall be installed and maintained, providing a minimum of 240 hours of recorded storage. Footage shall be provided to the City within 24 hours upon request.
  23. A monitored burglar and fire alarm system shall be installed.

24. Security personnel shall possess valid State licenses/Guard Cards.
25. All exterior areas shall be illuminated per City standards and shielded to prevent off-site glare.
26. Access to retail areas shall be restricted to verified customers and authorized staff.
27. The Applicant shall obtain Will-Serve letters for water, sewer, and electric service.
28. The Applicant shall provide electric, water, and sewer demand calculations, if applicable.
29. The Applicant is responsible for any necessary utility upgrades.
30. All capacity fees must be paid prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.
31. Parking areas shall be paved and striped consistent with City standards.
32. The Applicant shall provide ADA-compliant parking, paths of travel, and building accessibility features.
33. The building exterior shall be maintained in good condition, and all materials shall be consistent with City aesthetic requirements.
34. Trash bins shall be kept within a screened, secured enclosure.
35. Ground-mounted HVAC units shall be enclosed within anti-theft cages.
36. An Encroachment Permit shall be obtained for any work within the public right-of-way.
37. Construction sites shall be kept free of debris and maintained in a clean and orderly manner.
38. If cultural materials or human remains are discovered, work shall cease and PRC §5097.98 procedures which outlines the mandatory procedures for handling the inadvertent discovery of Native American human remains and associated grave goods on private or non-federal public lands in California. shall be followed.
39. The City Manager or designee may conduct site inspections with 24 hours' notice.
40. Applicant shall reimburse the City for all enforcement, inspection, and processing costs associated with this cannabis business.
41. Violation of any condition may result in suspension or revocation of this CUP pursuant to NMC 118.04.
42. The applicant shall submit a final precise grading plan to Engineering Department for review and approval prior to any permit issuance.
43. The two (2) unused driveway approaches on Needles Highway shall be removed and replaced with PCC sidewalk per city standards.
44. Permeable pavers shall not be installed within any area of the Public Right-of-Way.
45. A final WQMP may be required for the project dependent upon the final amount of impervious surface installed based upon the final precise grading plan.
46. An ADA pathway shall be provided to the public sidewalk.
47. The project shall comply with all requirements identified in San Bernardino County Fire Protection District Plan Review No. FPLN-2025-00147, dated October 6, 2025, including all conditions, corrections, inspections, construction standards, and operational requirements specified therein. Compliance with County Fire requirements shall be verified prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.
48. The Cannabis Business shall operate in a manner consistent with the U.S. Department of Justice enforcement guidelines and priorities, including those prohibiting:
  - (a) The distribution of cannabis to minors.
  - (b) Providing revenue from the sale of cannabis to criminal enterprises, gangs, or cartels.
  - (c) The diversion of cannabis from a state where cannabis is legal to a state where it is illegal.
  - (d) Using cannabis business activity as a cover for trafficking other illegal drugs or engaging in other illegal activity.
  - (e) The use of violence or firearms in the operation, cultivation, distribution, or retail sale of cannabis.
  - (f) Actions contributing to drugged driving or other adverse public health consequences.
  - (g) Growing cannabis on public lands or causing environmental or safety hazards associated with cannabis production on public lands; and

(h) The possession or use of cannabis on federal property.

Failure to comply with these standards may result in enforcement action, penalties, suspension, or revocation of the Conditional Use Permit or Cannabis Regulatory Permit.

49. The Cannabis Business shall pay all legally required taxes and fees, including, but not limited to, the City's Cannabis Business Tax, sales tax, and all other City or State-imposed taxes, fees, assessments, penalties, and regulatory charges.
- (a) The Cannabis Business shall not have any unpaid financial obligation to the City, including unpaid taxes, penalties, fees, interest, fines, or other required payments ("unpaid tax obligations").
  - (b) A Cannabis Business shall not be in breach of this condition if it enters into and fully performs the terms of a written offer and compromise or other settlement agreement approved by the City to resolve any unpaid tax obligations.
  - (c) Nothing in this condition shall deprive the Cannabis Business of the right to appeal or seek judicial determination of the propriety of any amounts alleged by the City as unpaid tax obligations.
  - (d) The Cannabis Business shall not lose its Cannabis Business Regulatory License during the pendency of a timely and properly filed appeal or judicial action regarding disputed tax obligations.
  - (e) The Cannabis Business shall comply with Needles Municipal Code Chapter 12A, all applicable City ordinances and resolutions, the Medical and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MAUCRSA), and all State laws, rules, regulations, and guidance governing cannabis operations.
50. The Cannabis Business shall keep adequate records of any Cannabis related activity, including conducting an inventory on the first business day of each week and recording the total quantity of each form of Cannabis on the Premises. Records expressly include, but are not limited to, video recordings maintained pursuant to this Chapter. All records shall be maintained for seven (7) years from the date created or longer if required by State or Federal law.
51. The Cannabis Business shall comply with the State's track and trace system and other requirements, as may be amended from time to time.
52. On the fifth day of each month, the Cannabis Business shall provide the City Manager with a written report containing the following information:
- (a) Bills of lading and a description of all inventory shipments received (including those received by the Cannabis Business, weight of any Cannabis flowers, edibles and concentrates) since prior report;
  - (b) The description and weight of inventory in the possession or control of the Cannabis Business;
  - (c) The total gross revenue received from prior month's sales; and
  - (d) A copy of any inventory manifest and/or sales or tax reports provided to the State Board of Equalization, the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration, and/or the Department of Cannabis Control, and any other taxing agencies.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of Needles, California, held on the 3rd day of December 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSENT:  
ABSTAIN:

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Chairperson, Planning Commission

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Patrick Martinez, City Manager

Agenda Item #1.

CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA  
Application For Cannabis Business — Conditional Use Permit

Name of Applicant: OTC Needles LLC Phone: (619) 955-9433 (Applicant must be the owner of the land, the lessee having a lease-hold interest of not less than 5 years, or the agent of any of the foregoing duly authorized in writing)

I, (I/We) the undersigned, Norman Yousif (Owner/Lessee/Agent) of the property listed below, hereby request that the following stated use be permitted to be constructed and/or operated.

Project name and address: OTC Needles LLC DBA Off The Charts  
1611 Needles Hwy Needles, CA 92363

2. Legal Description of Parcel (attach if necessary): Legal description is provided on the following page

3. Briefly Describe: a. Purpose and Intent of proposed project (include acres, square feet, units, etc.).  
Minor tenant improvements to transform an existing, vacant, freestanding, 3,200 sqft building on a 12,000 sqft lot into a commercial cannabis retail storefront

b. Population projection (project residents): N/A

c. Number of persons employed during operation: full time 6 part time 2

d. Will the Project require new utility services? X yes no

i. Water Service no. If so, estimated peak water demand in gallons/minutes: 25 gal/day (Normal toilet and sink use in restroom), service requirement.

ii. Sewer Service no. Any chemical wastes expelled in sewers? No  
If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

iii. Electric Service: main size ; single phase X; three phase ;  
Attachment to existing electric facilities: load calculations \_\_\_\_\_

e. Estimated daily vehicular traffic generated by the operation: \_\_\_\_\_ Comment: 80-100 trips per day due to customers visiting the facility and employees coming to and from work

f. List major machines — give horsepower and noise rating in decibels: N/A

g. Will the project require a permit from the Air Pollution Control District, and if so, describe: N/A

h. What will be the hours of operation: 10:00am - 10:00pm

i. Describe materials or machinery that will be stored or parked outside: N/A

5. Identify any other licenses you hold for cannabis in California

Type of License	California City Issuing License
<u>Dispensary</u>	<u>City of Needles</u>
Cultivation	_____
Manufacturing	_____
Testing/Lab	_____
Distribution/Transportation	_____
Other	_____

6. Attached X: Site Plan X; Elevations ( ); Filing Fee O; Legal ( ); (site plans folded 8 "1/2" x 11" reduction)

**EXHIBIT "A"**  
**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

LOTS 19,20,21, AND 22, BLOCK 25, DENAIR'S SUBDIVISION, IN THE CITY OF NEEDLES, COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 16, PAGES 53 AND 54 OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY.

APN: 0185-062-26-0-000

**AUTHORIZATION**

Names and signatures of all persons having an interest in this property described as 1611 Needles Hwy  
Needles, CA 92363  
(the "Property") whose consent is required (by virtue of such interest) to authorize the filing of this application.

NAME (print or type), Signature & Address

CAPACITY (Check appropriate)

OWNER\*    LESSEE    AGENT    **OTHER (Describe)**

Norman Yousif

Signature *Norman Yousif*

Address 15030 Ventura Blvd #169 Sherman Oaks, CA 91403

**Applicant**

Norman Yousif is the Applicant pursuing this Conditional Use Permit.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

OWNER: As Owner of the Property, I MAHMOUD ELAFIFY hereby declare and certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above-named person(s) is/are duly authorized to act on my behalf with the City of Needles and NPUA and represent my interests in the Property before the Planning Commission and the City Council/NPUA, including but not limited to in connection with the application filed herewith.

*[Signature]*  
Signature of Property owner

MAHMOUD ELAFIFY  
Owner name printed

**NOTARY**

**OWNER SIGNATURE NOTARIZATION:**

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES )

On 09/08/2025 ) SS:

personally appeared MAHMOUD S. ELAFIFY, before me, CESAR A. PAREDES a Notary Public,

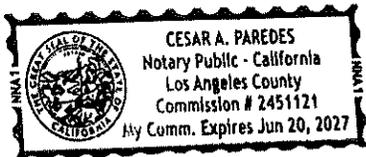
evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same in his/her authorized capacity, and that by his/her signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.  
(seal)

*[Signature]*

Signature, Notary





# MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION  
CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2025, AT 4:00 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1111 BAILEY AVE., NEEDLES**

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**CALL TO ORDER** - Chair Wright called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM

Chair Wright called for a motion to excuse the absence of Commissioner Dressler. Commissioner Beard made a motion, second by Commissioner Ostby.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Long, Beard, Payson, Chair Wright, Commissioners Ostby and Bosboom  
Noes: None  
Absent: Commissioner Dressler  
Abstain: None

## **ROLL CALL**

### **PRESENT**

Commissioner Owen Long  
Commissioner Barbara Beard  
Commissioner Joe Payson  
Chair Michael Wright  
Commissioner Kevin Ostby  
Commissioner Will Bosboom

### **ABSENT**

Commissioner Charles Dressler

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Led by Chair Wright

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Ostby made a motion, second by Commissioner Long, to approve the agenda.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Long, Beard, Payson, Chair Wright, Commissioners Ostby and Bosboom  
Noes: None  
Absent: Commissioner Dressler  
Abstain: None

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST** - None

**CORRESPONDENCE** - None

**INTRODUCTIONS** - None

**PUBLIC APPEARANCE** - None

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

1. Adopt Planning Commission Resolution No. 08-06-2025-PC recommending City Council approval of a Tentative Parcel Map (TPM) 20989 to subdivide 2.54 gross acres into three (3) parcels, in Needles at 193 Morgan Drive, within the Two-Family Residential (R-2) land use zoning designation; APN 0650-318-08-0000

City Planner Irene Romero gave power point presentation and staff report.

Commission asked questions of staff and minimal discussion ensued.

Chair Wright opened the public hearing at 4:12 pm

Don Stolfus asked about zoning requirements and future plans for the property.

Chuck Stahl asked about a mobile home that is sitting on the property and inquired about plans for property.

City Planner Romero and City Manager Martinez responded to questions.

Commissioners discussed zoning updates.

Applicant responded to questions from Commissioners and public.

Chair Wright closed the public hearing at 4:24 pm

Commissioner Ostby made a motion, second by Commissioner Payson, to Adopt Planning Commission Resolution No. 08-06-2025-PC recommending City Council approval of a Tentative Parcel Map (TPM) 20989 to subdivide 2.54 gross acres into three (3) parcels, in Needles at 193 Morgan Drive, within the Two-Family Residential (R-2) land use zoning designation; APN 0650-318-08-0000.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Long, Beard, Payson, Chair Wright, Commissioners Ostby and Bosboom

Noes: None

Absent: Commissioner Dressler

Abstain: None

## **REGULAR ITEMS**

2. Approve the Minutes of June 4, 2025

Commissioner Ostby made a motion, second by Commissioner Payson, to approve the minutes of June 4, 2025. Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Long, Beard, Payson, Chair Wright, Commissioners Ostby and Bosboom

Noes: None

Absent: Commissioner Dressler

Abstain: None

## **COMMISSIONER REQUESTS**

Commissioner Beard asked about the status of RiverLux and the mobile home park across from Verde Shores. City Manager Martinez responded.

Commissioner Payson asked about the paving schedule for the roads and water service replacement. City Manager responded.

No other Commissioner Requests.

## **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager's Report for the weeks of July 18 and 25, 2025 given by City Manager Patrick Martinez.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Wright called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Beard made a motion, second by Commissioner Ostby. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 4:59 PM

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Chair Michael Wright

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City Clerk Candace Clark



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City Manager Patrick J. Martinez

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PATRICK J. MARTINEZ, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: WEEKLY MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 14, 2025

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### 1. **Utility Rate Adjustments & Customer Savings Update**

This week, the Board of Public Utility and the City Council/Needles Public Utility Authority held a joint meeting to approve water and wastewater revenue adjustments based on the City's independent cost-of-service study. The study supports a 3% annual revenue adjustment for water and a 6% annual adjustment for wastewater over the next five years, ensuring rates reflect the true cost of operating, maintaining, and upgrading the systems. More than \$15 million in secured grant funding continues to offset capital costs and reduce the burden on ratepayers. Earlier this year, electric rates were reduced from approximately 14 cents to 11 cents per kilowatt-hour—the lowest over-hydro rate since 2021—lowering the average household's utility bill by over \$36 per month. These savings help balance the impact of the proposed water and wastewater changes, which are the smallest rate adjustments in a decade. The updated plan funds critical projects, including construction of a 1.5-million-gallon reservoir, pipeline and hydrant replacements, pump and sewer line upsizing, manhole rehabilitation, and systemwide treatment and storage improvements. These upgrades are essential to maintain reliability, address rising operational costs, and prevent utility reserves from falling below policy levels. The new rates will take effect February 1, 2025, supporting long-term system stability while keeping total utility costs as manageable as possible for Needles residents.

### 2. **Needles Pride Program & Infrastructure Improvements**

The City of Needles continued to advance key infrastructure initiatives this week that strengthen safety, reliability, and long-term community pride. Public Works began implementing the new crack-seal maintenance program following the arrival of the Crafcro EZ 1500 Crack Seal Trailer and Sullair 375 Compressor, part of a \$184,972 Council-approved investment. Staff is completing equipment training to allow crews to proactively seal pavement cracks, extend roadway life, and reduce future repair costs. The City also progressed the next phase of the Electric Circuit Reliability Program, which includes replacing aging and inaccessible poles on Lilly Hill Drive, upgrading poles and transformers in

targeted areas, and completing pole replacements in the Bailey Drive alley and at Valley and D Street. This \$507,198 phase, funded through the Electric System Improvement Fund, supports Council goals to modernize critical infrastructure and reduce long-term outage risks, with Petrelli Electric continuing as a strong project partner. Residents may report concerns by calling 760-326-5700 (press 9) or using the Needles Connect app as the City works to maintain a safe, clean, and reliable community.

**3. Roof Replacement – City Council Chambers & Colorado River Station**

This week, the contractor completed the full roof replacement and interior repairs at both the City Council Chambers and the Colorado River Station, marking the conclusion of the entire project. The new roofing system, including upgraded insulation and flashing, was completed for **\$259,486**, with an additional **\$7,360** in drywall repairs addressing prior water damage. These improvements strengthen one of the City’s most important civic facilities and support the Council’s goal of maintaining reliable and resilient public infrastructure. The need for these upgrades was identified during the City’s collaboration with San Bernardino County on the Colorado River Station Remodel Project, which is now fully complete. The City extends its appreciation to the Sheriff’s Department for their continued investment in the shared facility improvements. With all work finished, the City Council Chambers is secure, protected, and ready for ongoing community use.

**4. Needles Housing Authority – Security Fencing Project**

As previously reported, the Housing Authority’s Security Fencing Project is nearing completion. The contractor has a small number of final corrections remaining, but major components are now fully installed. A new push gate has been added at Balboa and J Street, with an additional gate placed on Bailey. The existing walls have also been reinforced with concrete-filled posts to enhance stability and security. This project supports the City Council’s goals of strengthening neighborhood safety and investing in essential community infrastructure. Final punch-list work is in progress, with completion expected by mid-December.

**5. Storm Preparedness & Weekend Weather Response**

The City is fully prepared for this weekend’s storm, with forecasts calling for roughly three-quarters of an inch of rain and the possibility of localized flooding. All departments have been directed to ensure vehicles and equipment are fueled, inspected, and ready for rapid deployment, and standby crews will be available throughout the weekend. This level of preparedness directly supports the City Council’s goals of protecting public safety, maintaining reliable infrastructure, and ensuring consistent delivery of essential services. Periods of steady rain are expected Saturday, with clearing overnight, and staff will continue monitoring conditions closely to safeguard residents and respond immediately to any weather-related issues.

- 6. Animal Shelter Vaccination & Licensing Clinic – Tomorrow**  
The City of Needles Animal Shelter, in partnership with PetSmart Veterinary Services and Dr. Joseph Velasco, will host a Vaccination and Licensing Clinic **tomorrow, Saturday, November 15**, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at 1662 Flip Mendez Parkway. This one-day event offers low-cost vaccinations, microchipping, and reduced-fee City pet licenses to help residents keep their animals healthy and compliant with local requirements. Staff has pushed reminders through Needles Connect and is prepared for a strong turnout. This supports Council goals to enhance public safety, promote responsible pet ownership, and strengthen community engagement. Residents are encouraged to arrive early, and all questions may be directed to the Animal Shelter at (760) 326-4952.
- 7. Tri-State Community Healthcare Produce Distribution – Tomorrow**  
Tri-State Community Healthcare will host a free mixed-produce distribution this Saturday, November 15, beginning at 7:30 a.m. (CA time) at 820 W. Broadway in Needles. This ongoing partnership continues to support food security for local families and complements the City Council's goals around community health and resident support. I encourage residents to take advantage of this opportunity and appreciate the continued collaboration with Tri-State, IEHP, Make Bullhead Better, and Redmond Construction. Events like this strengthen community connections and help ensure our residents have access to essential resources.
- 8. Needles High School Mustangs – State Semifinals & Community Support**  
The Needles High School Mustangs will compete in the State Semifinals this Saturday, November 15, hosting Battle Mountain in a major home playoff matchup. Under the leadership of Head Coach Thomas DeLeon, the team continues to demonstrate the resilience, discipline, and pride that define our community. The City values its strong partnership with the Needles Unified School District and the Alumni Association as we work together to support the next generation of Mustangs and celebrate their achievements on and off the field. Residents are encouraged to pack the stands on Saturday and show their support during this important postseason game.
- 9. Pacific Clinics One-Year Anniversary**  
Pacific Clinics will celebrate the one-year anniversary of the Needles Clubhouse on Thursday, November 20, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. at 1060 E. Broadway Street. Since opening its doors last year, the Clubhouse has provided vital behavioral health services, including wellness programs, resilience training, recovery resources, and support groups for adults 18 and older. The facility also offers Wi-Fi, computers, and activities that promote connection and positive coping skills. This partnership with Pacific Clinics and the San Bernardino County Department of Behavioral Health continues to support the City Council's goals of fostering a safe, healthy, and family-friendly community. Residents are encouraged to join the celebration, and questions may be directed to Sonia Vicario at 626-753-8725 or [sonia.vicario@pacificclinics.org](mailto:sonia.vicario@pacificclinics.org).

- 10. Monument Sign Unveiling – Bob Belt Beach Park & Manny Morris Park**  
We invite the community to join us on **December 12, 2025, at 3:00 PM** for the unveiling of new monument signs at Bob Belt Beach Park and Manny Morris Park. Each park will receive its own sign, generously donated by Arrowhead Credit Union, marking an important investment in two of Needles' most celebrated public spaces. These signs help strengthen the identity of the award-winning Bob Belt Beach Park and the state-renowned Manny Morris Park, reinforcing their recognition as premier recreational destinations in our region. The Morris family has also graciously arranged for a small reception, offering an opportunity for the community to gather and celebrate these improvements together. Additional event details will be shared as the date approaches. We look forward to unveiling the final designs and celebrating this meaningful enhancement to our parks.
- 11. Battle of the Valley Golf Tournament Series**  
Rivers Edge Golf Course will kick off the regional **Battle of the Valley Tournament Series** on **December 13**, with an 8:00 a.m. registration and a 9:00 a.m. shotgun start. The series continues in January and February at El Rio, Huukan, and Los Lagos, offering two-person team play with both scramble and best-ball formats. Entry fees range from \$75 to \$100 depending on the course. This collaborative tournament strengthens regional recreation partnerships and supports the City Council's goals of boosting tourism, expanding outdoor amenities, and highlighting Rivers Edge as a key community asset. The event is expected to draw golfers from across the tri-state area, bringing additional activity to Needles while showcasing the course's ongoing improvements and growing visibility in the region. For more details or to lock in your next round, contact **JJ DeLeon at (760) 326-3931**.
- 12. Vice Mayor Ellen Campbell Receives High Regional Honor**  
Vice Mayor Ellen Campbell was recognized this week with the Desert Mountain Division's Larry Chimbole Award, a major regional honor spanning cities across Inyo, Kern, Los Angeles, Mono, and San Bernardino counties. The Division—representing communities such as Needles, Lancaster, Palmdale, Victorville, Hesperia, Mammoth Lakes, and Barstow—serves as a key forum for collaboration, policy development, and statewide advocacy. Being selected from such a large and active region underscores the Vice Mayor's decades of service, integrity, and consistent leadership on behalf of Needles. Her recognition elevates our city's profile and strengthens our influence in regional and state-level discussions. This award reflects not only her commitment but also the progress and credibility Needles continues to build across California. We congratulate Vice Mayor Campbell and look forward to carrying this momentum into upcoming regional initiatives and Council priorities.
- 13. Mayor Jernigan Highlights Needles on KNTR's "Speak Out"**  
On November 14, 2025, Mayor Janet Jernigan joined Larry Tunforss on KNTR's *Speak Out 2.0* to showcase the momentum building across Needles. The conversation covered the State of the City, the upcoming Route 66 Centennial,

the recent APWA award for Bob Belt Beach Park, and the continued rise in tourism throughout the Colorado River Valley. Mayor Jernigan emphasized how these achievements align with the City Council's goals of strengthening economic development, elevating community pride, and expanding recreational and tourism opportunities. The interview highlighted the city's growing visibility driven by smart partnerships, historic preservation, and a renewed focus on local excellence. [Click here to listen to the full interview.](#)

#### 14. **1923 American LaFrance Fire Truck Restoration**

This week, the restoration of the City's historic 1923 American LaFrance Fire Truck reached an important milestone with the completion of the original-style "NEEDLES FD" lettering on the engine hood. The artwork was carefully recreated using archived photos to mirror the firetruck's original appearance. Refer to the attached image for a glimpse of the restored detailing. Over the past year, major components—including the radiator, water pump, and clutch—were installed to return the vehicle to operational condition. With only a few final steps remaining, approximately \$15,000 is still needed to complete the project. The City of Needles is actively fundraising to help close the gap. This long-standing effort reflects years of community support and volunteer dedication to preserving a central piece of Needles' public safety history. To support the next phase of work and help bring the restoration across the finish line, the City is now seeking donations. Those interested in contributing may contact Jesse Fragoso at [jfragoso@cityofneedles.com](mailto:jfragoso@cityofneedles.com).

#### 15. **Community Events Calendar Now Live**

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# 1. UTILITY RATES



## 2. NEEDLES PRIDE



## 2. NEEDLES PRIDE



### 3. COUNCIL CHAMBER ROOF REPLACEMENT



## 4. HOUSING AUTHORITY FENCING



## 6. ANIMAL SHELTER FALL EVENT

# Vaccination & Licensing Clinic

**Saturday, Nov 15, 2025**

**9:30-12:30 CA Time**

Petsmart Veterinary Services  
Dr. Joseph Velasco



Rabies DA2PP FVRCP

Bordetella Rattlesnake Microchips

Needles Animal Shelter  
1662 Flip Mendez Pkwy  
Needles, CA 92363  
(760)326-4952

Cats must be in carrier and dogs on leashes.

Special Price for  
City License  
Altered \$15  
Unaltered \$25



**PETSMART  
VETERINARY  
SERVICES**

## 7. FOOD DISTRIBUTION

# FREE

Mixed  
Produce

# TRI-STATE COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE

## SATURDAY - NOV 15

7:30 AM  
(CA TIME)

## 820 W BROADWAY, NEEDLES, CA

*tri-state*

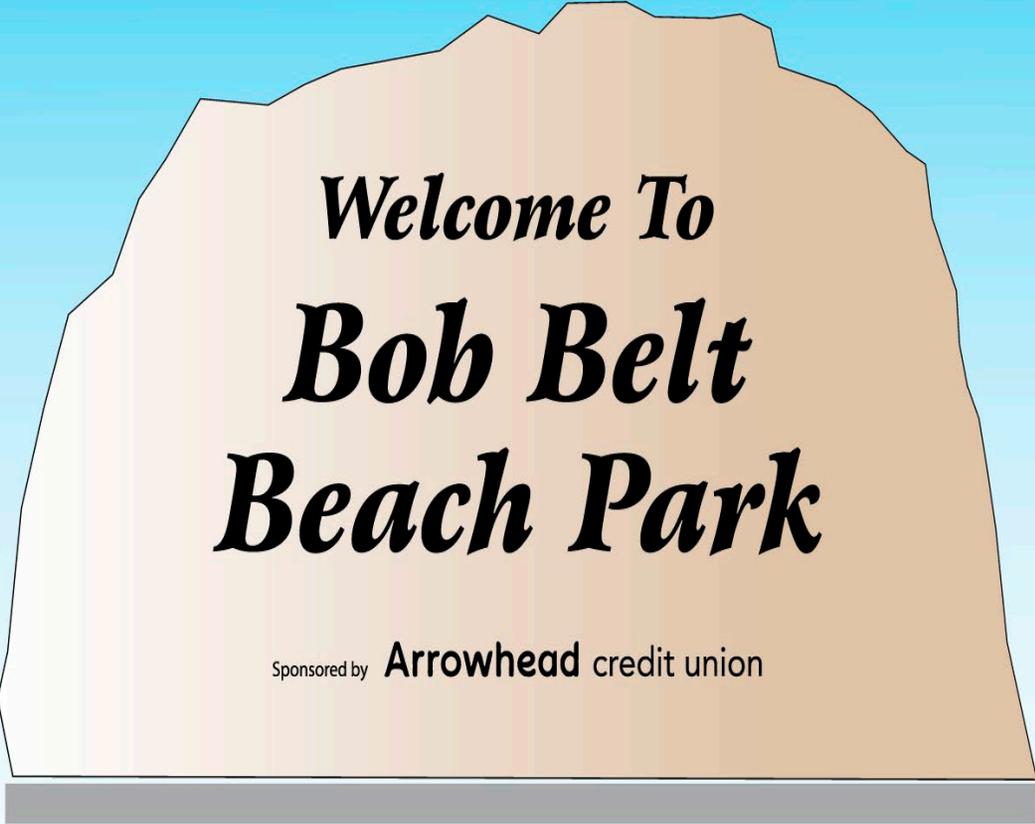
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**REDMOND**  
Construction  
GENERAL CONTRACTOR



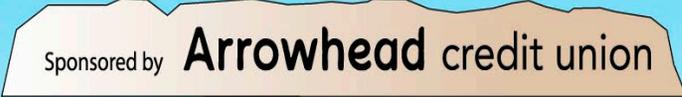
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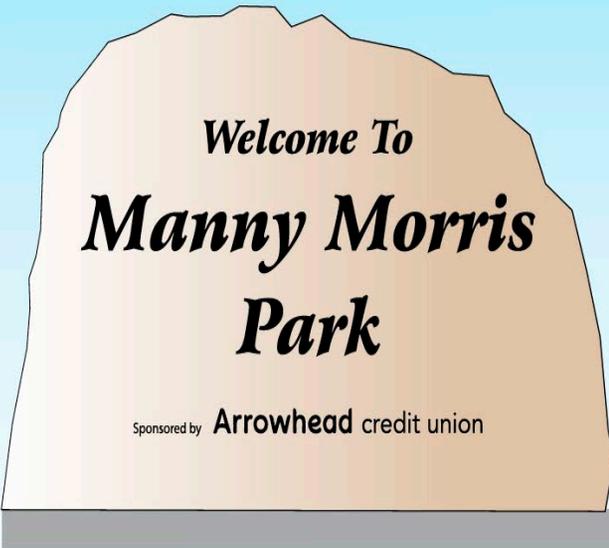


*Welcome To*  
***Bob Belt***  
***Beach Park***

Sponsored by **Arrowhead** credit union



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*Welcome To*  
***Manny Morris***  
***Park***

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# 11. RIVERS EDGE TOURNAMENT



**RIVERS EDGE**  
GOLF COURSE

# BATTLE OF THE VALLEY

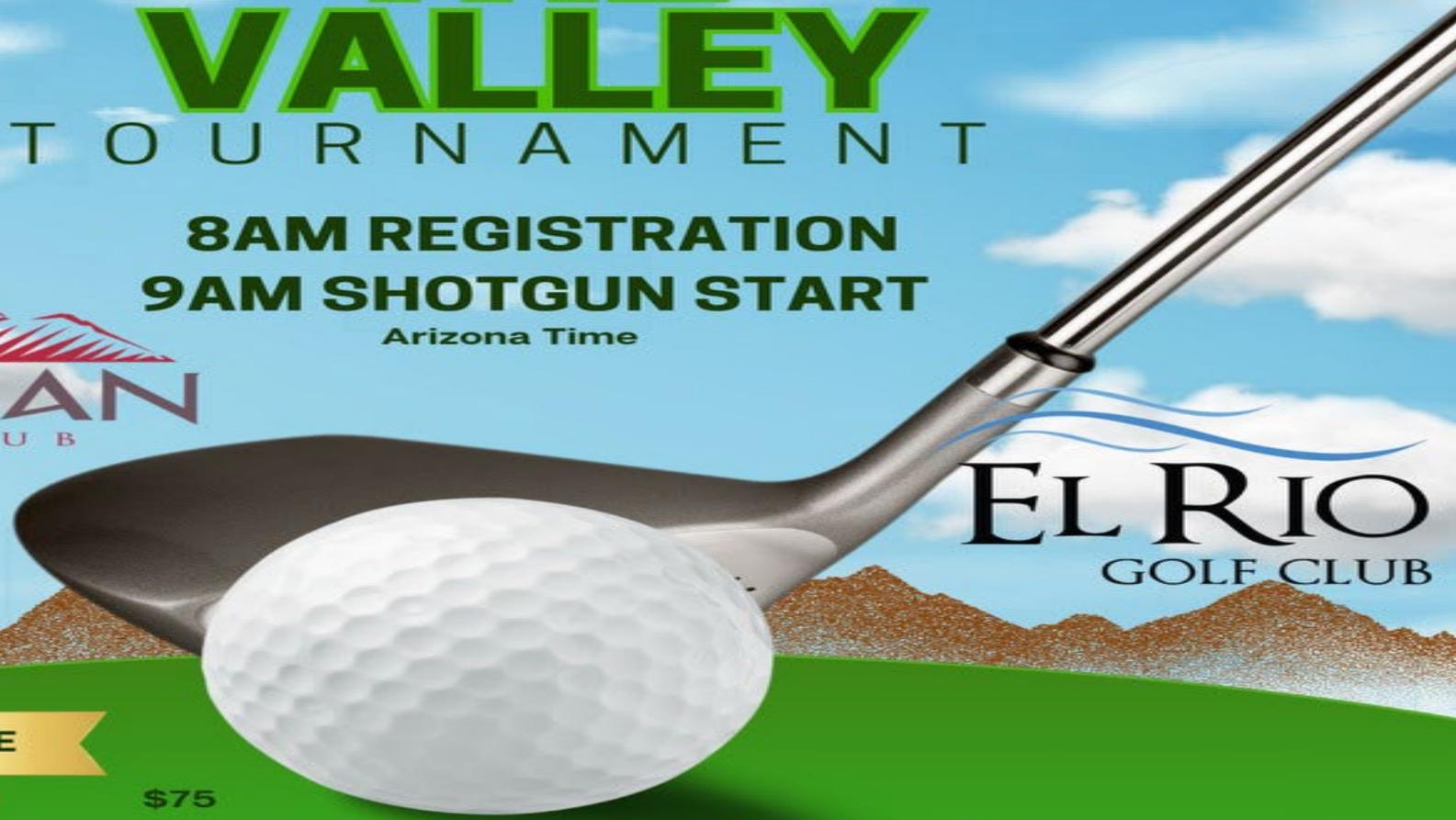
T O U R N A M E N T

**8AM REGISTRATION**  
**9AM SHOTGUN START**

Arizona Time



**EL RIO**  
GOLF CLUB



## WHEN & WHERE

- Rivers Edge Dec 13 \$75
- El Rio Jan 10 \$75
- Huukan Feb 21 \$75
- Los Lagos Feb 28th \$100 Lunch included

**2 PERSON TEAMS**  
**9 HOLES SCRAMBLE/ 9 HOLES BEST BALL**  
**GHIN HANDICAP REQUIRED (MAX 40)**

# 12. VICE MAYOR REGIONAL HONOR



# 14. NEEDLES FIRE TRUCK





# City of Needles

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Vice Mayor Ellen Campbell  
Councilmember Tona Belt  
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Councilmember JoAnne Pogue  
Councilmember Henry Longbrake  
Councilmember Larry Ford

City Manager Patrick J. Martinez

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PATRICK J. MARTINEZ, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: WEEKLY MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 21, 2025

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### 1. Storm Response & Roadway Repairs

This week's storm caused significant flooding and roadway damage across the city, including major impacts along Needles Highway and closures at the Underpass and several residential corridors such as J Street, Bailey, and Lillyhill. Our Public Works team worked diligently throughout the storm, coordinating closely with San Bernardino County Department of Public Works and Phillips Construction to clear debris, reopen access, and stabilize the most heavily affected areas. The majority of damaged sections along Needles Highway have now been repaired, and remaining severe washouts are being documented and submitted to our insurance provider for claim review. City crews acted quickly and strategically to preserve the integrity of our infrastructure and maintain safe travel routes for residents, and additional assessments are underway to determine any further repair needs. Refer to the attached images for a glimpse of the damage. Residents can report concerns by calling 760-326-5700 (press 9) or using the Needles Connect app on [Google Play Store](#) (Android) and [Apple Store](#) (iOS).

### 2. SNAP (CalFresh) Benefits – Federal Shutdown Update

As of November 13, CalFresh benefits that were temporarily paused due to the federal government shutdown have now been issued to residents' EBT cards, with newly eligible households expected to receive benefits through the standard issuance process. The City has shared this update through Needles Connect and referenced the attached County flyer to ensure accurate public information. While benefits have resumed, City staff continues to prioritize food security and coordinate with local partners to support any residents experiencing service gaps. St. Vincent de Paul, Set Free Church, St. Ann Catholic Church (Martha's Pantry), and Firehouse Ministries remain available to provide free food boxes and hot meals without income restrictions. These partners have confirmed their readiness to meet increased demand as needed. The City will continue targeted outreach to ensure continued access to essential food resources.

**3. Active Transportation Plan – Community Engagement & Bike Giveaway**

The City of Needles continues advancing its Active Transportation Plan (ATP) and encourages residents to participate in upcoming engagement efforts focused on improving walking and biking safety, connectivity, and accessibility throughout the community. Key events include a Community Meeting at the Needles Recreation Center on Wednesday, December 3, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., where the City’s engineering consultant, Kimley-Horn, will provide a formal project presentation, followed by School Walk Audits on Thursday, December 4, and a Bike Rodeo at the Holiday Fun Fair on Saturday, December 6, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. To promote active transportation and encourage youth participation, the City will host bike giveaways, including 13 bikes on December 3, 13 bikes plus one E-bike on December 6, and an additional 10 bikes and one E-bike scheduled for distribution in the spring. These efforts directly support the City’s commitment to healthier mobility, safer infrastructure, and community-driven planning. Residents may also submit input through the interactive map or sign up for project updates. For more details and project updates, please click the [link](#) provided. Residents may call 760-326-2113 or email [info@NeedlesATP.com](mailto:info@NeedlesATP.com).

**4. Senior Center Outreach – Community Resources & Updates**

At the invitation of Councilmember Larry Ford, City Manager Patrick Martinez addressed seniors at the Needles Senior Center during the Bonnie Baker Senior Center lunch program, focusing on access, safety, and essential senior services. The presentation included updates on the City’s response to the Rite Aid closure, pharmacy alternatives, Dial-a-Ride transportation, and housing stability support for senior veterans through the Veterans Housing Program. Staff also highlighted cannabis-funded street repairs and accessibility improvements at Bob Belt Beach Park and Duke Watkins Park. Arrowhead Credit Union attended to share financial planning resources and emphasize the importance of long-term financial stability. Seniors were encouraged to stay informed through the Needles Connect App and explore educational opportunities offered by Palo Verde College. Questions regarding the lunch program can be directed to 760-326-2898. A \$5 lunch donation is encouraged, and program registration (60+) and reservations are required. Approximately 90 seniors are served meals daily through this program. (Lunch program services referenced are provided by the San Bernardino County Department of Aging and Adult Services – Public Guardian. The material or product was a result of a project funded by a contract with the California Department of Aging).

**5. County Health Resources – Council Presentation & Mobile Clinic**

The San Bernardino County Department of Public Health will provide a presentation at the next City Council meeting outlining available health programs and support services for Needles residents, including current outreach efforts and opportunities to strengthen collaboration for improved access to care. This presentation reinforces the City’s continued focus on connecting

residents with essential health resources. As a related reminder, the County continues to operate a **weekly Mobile Medical Clinic in Needles every Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** at the Transitional Assistance Department lot (1090 E. Broadway). Through the On-The-Go Health initiative, the clinic offers no-cost primary and urgent care services including health screenings, chronic disease management, pregnancy testing, minor wound care, and Medi-Cal enrollment assistance. Services are open to all California residents and no insurance is required. Appointments are strongly encouraged by calling (800) 722-4777 (Press 5). Council is encouraged to help share these resources to expand awareness and improve community access to care.

**6. Rivers Edge Golf Course – 19th Hole Kitchen Remodel Update**

Construction on the 19th Hole Bar & Grill kitchen remodel at Rivers Edge Golf Course is nearing completion, with final work anticipated by the end of December. This \$500,039 project is funded through Economic Development Funds generated by local cannabis tax revenues and reflects the City's strategic reinvestment in strengthening non-cannabis businesses that support Needles' tourism economy. Improvements include a fully upgraded kitchen, a new ADA-accessible ramp, and parking area enhancements to improve safety and accessibility. The restaurant has remained open during construction with a limited menu to maintain service continuity. This investment enhances a key riverfront amenity and supports the City Council's goals of expanding recreation, hospitality, and visitor-serving infrastructure.

**7. SBCTA Measure I – City Spotlight**

The City of Needles was recently featured by the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) in its Measure I – City Spotlight series, highlighting the Colorado River Bridge and its role in regional connectivity. The feature showcases how Measure I funding supports roadway rehabilitation, improved intersections, and reliable access through extreme conditions in California's easternmost city. This recognition reinforces the value of continued transportation investment in Needles and its importance as a critical gateway community. Staff will continue to advocate for Measure I resources to advance priority street and infrastructure projects that improve safety, mobility, and long-term system reliability.

**8. Route 66 Centennial – Marketing Efforts Kickoff**

The City of Needles Route 66 Subcommittee, consisting of Mayor Jernigan, Vice Mayor Campbell, and Councilmember McCorkle, has officially launched the City's Route 66 Centennial marketing efforts with the placement of a promotional advertisement in the River Cities Newspapers Route 66 Centennial Magazine. The advertisement promotes Needles as an original Route 66 town and highlights the City's upcoming 2026 Centennial celebration, supporting Council's goal of expanding tourism, destination branding, and regional visibility. Readers are encouraged to scan the QR code included in the ad to stay engaged with Route 66 updates, events, and visitor information. Additional marketing efforts will continue throughout the year, with more to report as this campaign progresses.

**9. CannaBus Shuttle Grand Opening & Regional Tourism Partnership**  
This week, the City joined regional partners to celebrate the grand opening of the CannaBus Shuttle, providing safe, reliable transportation between Laughlin resorts and Needles' licensed cannabis lounges. The event was hosted in partnership with the Bullhead, Laughlin, and Needles Area Chambers, reinforcing the Council's ongoing focus on cross-river collaboration and tourism growth. The shuttle creates a direct visitor pipeline that supports local cannabis retailers, promotes roadway safety, and strengthens Needles' role within the broader river valley tourism economy. The City thanks the business owner for their investment in our community and commitment to expanding visitor-serving amenities. This initiative aligns with Council goals to enhance tourism, support business-friendly services, and increase economic activity. For a glimpse of the event click on this [link](#) or refer to the attached photos.

**10. Rivers Edge Golf Course – Tournament Season & Sports Tourism Impact**  
Rivers Edge Golf Course continues to serve as a regional sports tourism asset, with the next several weekends featuring high-profile tournaments including the Turkey Trott Scramble, Jason Smith Memorial Golf Outing, Battle of the Valley Tournament, and the Holiday Shootout. These events attract visitors from across the tri-state area and generate increased activity for local businesses, restaurants, and lodging. Course conditions remain excellent, reflecting the City's continued investment in quality recreational amenities. Those interested in hosting future tournaments may contact JJ DeLeon at (760) 326-3931 for scheduling and coordination. Please click [the event calendar link](#).

**11. Needles Sunday Market – Santa Fe Park**  
Launched on November 2, the Needles Sunday Market is now entering its fourth week and continuing to grow as a consistent community gathering at Santa Fe Park every Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. through March 31, 2026. The market supports the City Council's Community Engagement goal by providing a welcoming space for residents to connect and support local vendors. Vendor participation and community attendance continue to grow as the market gains visibility as part of the downtown weekend experience. Interested vendors may contact Market Manager Patrick Lauterio at (760) 848-8289 or [needlesfarmers@gmail.com](mailto:needlesfarmers@gmail.com).

**12. Mohave Cannabis Co. Hosts Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway**  
To support residents during the Thanksgiving season and ensure no family goes without a holiday meal, the City recognizes Mohave Cannabis Co. for hosting its Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway on Friday, November 21. Through this thoughtful initiative, 72 turkeys were distributed to local families in need, providing meaningful relief during a time when many households face added financial strain. This effort, led by community advocate and former Councilmember Zachary Longacre in partnership with Mohave Cannabis Co., reflects the true spirit of the holiday and highlights the positive role local leadership and businesses play in strengthening our community. The City

appreciates this continued commitment to giving back and looks forward to ongoing collaboration that supports and uplifts Needles residents.

### **13. Youth Meal Distribution – Fall Break Support**

Needles Community Partners, in partnership with the Needles Chamber of Commerce, distributed more than 60 meals this week to support local students and families during fall break, when access to school-based meals is temporarily unavailable. Meals were made possible through generous donations from the Arrowheart Foundation and targeted households experiencing limited access to food. This coordinated effort helped ensure youth had reliable, nutritious meals during the holiday period and reduced the strain on families facing food insecurity. The initiative reflects a strong community response and the continued commitment of local organizations to supporting vulnerable families. The City extends its sincere appreciation to all partners involved for stepping in to meet a critical need and providing meaningful relief to our community's youth.

### **14. Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner & Meal Delivery Effort**

The Needles St. Vincent de Paul Society, in cooperation with Set Free Church and St. Ann's Catholic Church, will host its **FREE Annual Thanksgiving Dinner** for Needles and Tri-State residents on **Thursday, November 27, 2025 (Thanksgiving Day)** from **11:00 AM to 2:00 PM (CA Time)** at **Fr. Hanley's Hall, 218 D Street, Needles, CA 92363**. All local and Tri-State residents are welcome to attend and enjoy a warm holiday meal in a spirit of unity and community support. This annual tradition reflects the collective commitment of local faith-based and nonprofit partners to ensure no resident goes without a holiday meal. For questions, residents may contact George at 928-299-9875. In addition, a separate coordinated effort will provide **100 individually cooked Thanksgiving meals for elderly and alone Needles residents** on **Wednesday, November 26, 2025**. Meals will be prepared by the Needles Women's Club, food provided by Tri-State Community Healthcare, kitchen space donated by Needles High School, and delivery carried out by Make Bullhead Better volunteers. This collaborative effort underscores the City's shared commitment with regional partners to ensure our most vulnerable residents are supported during the holiday season. Eligible residents may sign up for delivery through [www.makebullheadbetter.com](http://www.makebullheadbetter.com).

### **15. Pacific Clinics Needles Clubhouse Program**

City staff attended the one-year anniversary celebration of the Pacific Clinics Needles Spike Clubhouse Program, recognizing an important milestone for this critical behavioral health resource. Since opening, the program has welcomed more than 200 new members and continues to expand access to services for adults 18 and older. Support offerings include wellness programs, resilience training, recovery resources, skill-building workshops, and peer support groups that promote stability and positive mental health outcomes. The facility also provides Wi-Fi, computer access, and structured activities that encourage connection and reduce isolation. This milestone reflects the program's growing impact and its role in strengthening a safe, healthy, and supportive community. Photos and additional details are included in the attached materials.

**16. Expanded Delivery & Grocery Access Now Available in Needles Online**

Residents now have expanded access to food and essential goods through [DoorDash](#) and [Walmart delivery](#) services operating in Needles. DoorDash provides delivery from local restaurants and retail businesses, while Walmart delivery offers access to groceries and household merchandise, with discounted options available through Walmart+ Assist for qualifying residents receiving assistance benefits. These services reduce transportation barriers for seniors, homebound residents, and families without reliable vehicles while supporting local consumer access. Residents can place orders through the respective apps or websites using a Needles address.

**17. Good Morning Needles – Business & Community Coffee Gathering**

City officials and local business leaders gathered at the Needles Chamber and Visitor Center for the monthly “Good Morning Needles” coffee event. Guest speaker Michael Thornton of Friends of El Garces highlighted the El Garces Renovation Project and the building’s unique distinction as Needles’ only property listed on the National Register of Historic Places by the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service. The discussion reinforced the site’s historical significance and the community’s ongoing commitment to preservation and revitalization. The City appreciates the Chamber’s continued partnership in hosting these collaborative forums.

**18. Veterans Day Recognition – Heroes Across America Billboard Campaign**

Over Veterans Day, Needles Military Moms helped share the opportunity to nominate local veterans for Lamar Advertising’s *Heroes Across America* campaign, which recognizes service members through digital billboard features. As a result, two Needles veterans — **Wyatt Oldewurtel** and **Joseph Payson** — were selected and honored with regional billboard recognition highlighting their service and sacrifice. The City thanks Needles Military Moms and Lamar Advertising for elevating this meaningful recognition and celebrating the contributions of our local heroes. We extend our sincere appreciation to all veterans for their dedication and service to our community and country.

**19. Needles Mustangs Advance to NIAA 2A State Championship**

The Needles Mustangs are returning to the NIAA 2A State Championship Finals, setting up a rematch of the 2018 title game against Pershing County. Under the leadership of Head Coach Thomas DeLeon, a valued member of the City team, the Mustangs have demonstrated grit, discipline, and community pride throughout the season. This marks the team’s first state championship appearance under Coach DeLeon and reflects the strength of continued collaboration between the City, Needles Unified School District, and the Alumni Association. The championship game will be held Tuesday, November 25, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas. The community is encouraged to show strong support as our student-athletes represent Needles on a statewide stage. Ticket information is available through the Hometown app or the provided [link](#).

## 20. **Fall 2025 Pet Vaccination & Licensing Clinic – Results**

The City of Needles Animal Shelter successfully hosted its Fall 2025 Pet Vaccination & Licensing Clinic, providing critical services that support public health and responsible pet ownership. In partnership with PetSmart Veterinary Services and Dr. Joseph Velasco, the event delivered 100 rabies vaccinations, 60 DA2PP vaccinations for dogs, 10 FVRCP vaccinations for cats, 45 Bordetella vaccinations (kennel cough), and 4 rattlesnake vaccinations. The strong turnout reflects continued community engagement and the value of offering low-cost, accessible animal health services. This clinic supports Council priorities related to animal welfare, neighborhood safety, and proactive public health measures.

## 21. **City of Needles Resource Guide – Reissued for Council Awareness**

The City has reissued the attached City of Needles Resource Guide to provide the Mayor and City Council with a clear, up-to-date reference for the full range of support services available to residents. The guide includes direct contact information for housing assistance, food programs, shelters, employment resources, utility and transportation assistance, medical and behavioral health services, veterans support, legal aid, emergency hotlines, and senior services, as well as key community and faith-based organizations. This effort reinforces transparency and ensures Council has a practical tool to reference when responding to constituent needs and community concerns. The guide also supports consistent messaging and accurate referrals when assisting residents seeking services. Staff will continue to update and reissue the guide as needed to reflect available resources.

## 22. **Community Events Calendar Now Live**

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## 23. **Thanksgiving Holiday – City Hall Office Closure**

City Hall will be closed on **Thursday, November 27, 2025, and Friday, November 28, 2025**, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Regular operations will resume on **Monday, December 1, 2025, at 8:30 a.m.** During the closure, residents with urgent matters may contact City Staff at **(760) 326-5700**, where the after-hours answering service will route calls to the appropriate personnel as needed. Public notice has been posted on the front doors of City Hall, and the attached flyer provides additional visibility for community awareness.

# 1. STORM RESPONSE



## 2. SNAP CALFRESH BENEFITS



# CalFresh November Benefits

**Federal Government  
Shutdown Update**



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For more information, visit the Transitional Assistance Department (TAD) website at [wp.sbcounty.gov/tad](http://wp.sbcounty.gov/tad), or visit your local TAD office.



Transitional Assistance

### 3. ATP COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

You're Invited! –  
The City wants to hear from You!



Active  
Transportation  
Plan

#### 1 Wednesday, Dec 3, 2025 COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

4 PM - 6 PM

Needles Recreation Center  
1705 J St. Needles, CA 92363

The City is hosting a community workshop to share important information about the Active Transportation Plan and answer questions from members of the community. An e-bike demonstration will also be hosted at the event.



#### 2 Thursday, Dec 4, 2025 SCHOOL WALK AUDITS

- Needles MS and Vista Colorado ES: 7 AM
- Needles HS: 8 AM
- Katie Hohstadt ES: 12 PM

The project team will be conducting school walk audits across the City to observe existing conditions. Please walk with us and provide input on barriers to walking and biking to school!

#### 3 Saturday, Dec 6, 2025 BIKE RODEO (at the Holiday Fun Fair)

10 AM - 2 PM

725 W Broadway St  
Needles, CA 92363

Children of all ages welcome to join us for a Bike Rodeo to practice bicycling skills with our team!



\* 13 bikes of all sizes will be raffled at each of these events

### What is an active Transportation plan?

An Active Transportation Plan (ATP) is a living document that provides a comprehensive set of projects, programs, and policies to improve walking and biking conditions in the City. The recommendations are developed based on input from community members and key stakeholders to address existing deficiencies in the pedestrian and bicycle network. ATPs aim to enhance accessibility, safety, and connectivity across neighborhoods.

#### Get Involved

- Share an Idea on the Interactive map at [www.NeedlesATP.com](http://www.NeedlesATP.com)
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THE CITY OF NEEDLES IS  
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WE NEED YOUR INPUT!



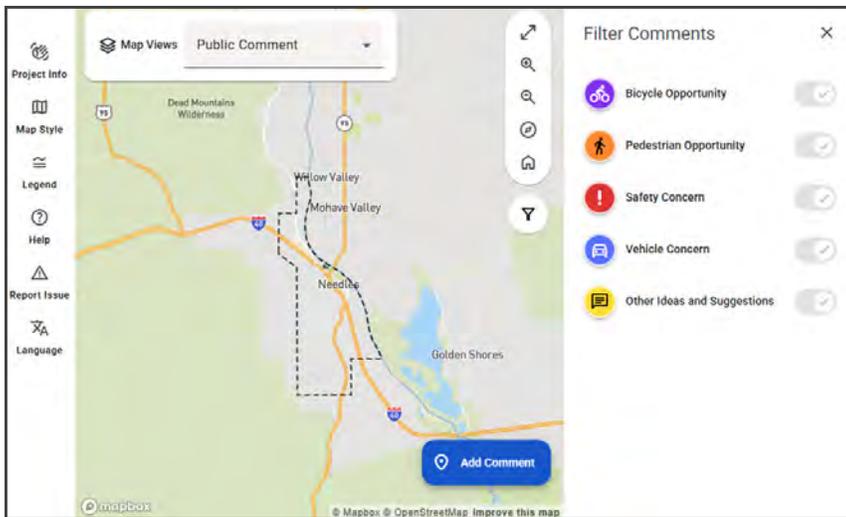
# Active Transportation Plan

## How will this impact me?

The Active Transportation Plan aims to create safe, connected, and reliable active transportation for nearby residents and businesses in the area! Whether you walk, bike, or drive to your next destination, the focus is to meet the community need for a better, connected environment!



## Interactive Map Preview



## Goals for ATP

- Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Strengthening the Economy
- Improving Public Health & Environment

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# 4. NEEDLES SENIOR CENTER

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## 5. ON-THE-GO HEALTH



# 5. ON-THE-GO HEALTH



## On-The-Go Health

Mobile Medical Clinic in Needles

**No insurance? We can help!**

Offering convenient healthcare for California residents!  
**Appointments highly recommended.**

### Who can benefit?

Open to Medi-Cal patients and those who have applied for Medi-Cal.

### Primary care services

- Annual adult health screening physicals
- Point of Care screenings/testing: Hypertension, hemoglobin, and diabetes (HgbA1c, glucose)
- Pregnancy testing
- Chronic disease management medication refills (e.g. hypertension, diabetes, arthritis, thyroid)

### Urgent care services

- Urine tests/Urinary Tract Infections (UTI)
- Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI):
  - Gonorrhea, chlamydia, syphilis, HIV
- Rash
- Fever/cold/flu
- Hepatitis C screening
- Minor wound care

Weekly visits every  
Thursday,  
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8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Parking lot of the  
Transitional  
Assistance  
Department**  
1090 E. Broadway St.  
Needles, CA

To apply for Medi-Cal,  
scan the QR code  
or visit the link below:

[bit.ly/SBCMedi-Cal](https://bit.ly/SBCMedi-Cal)



Public Health

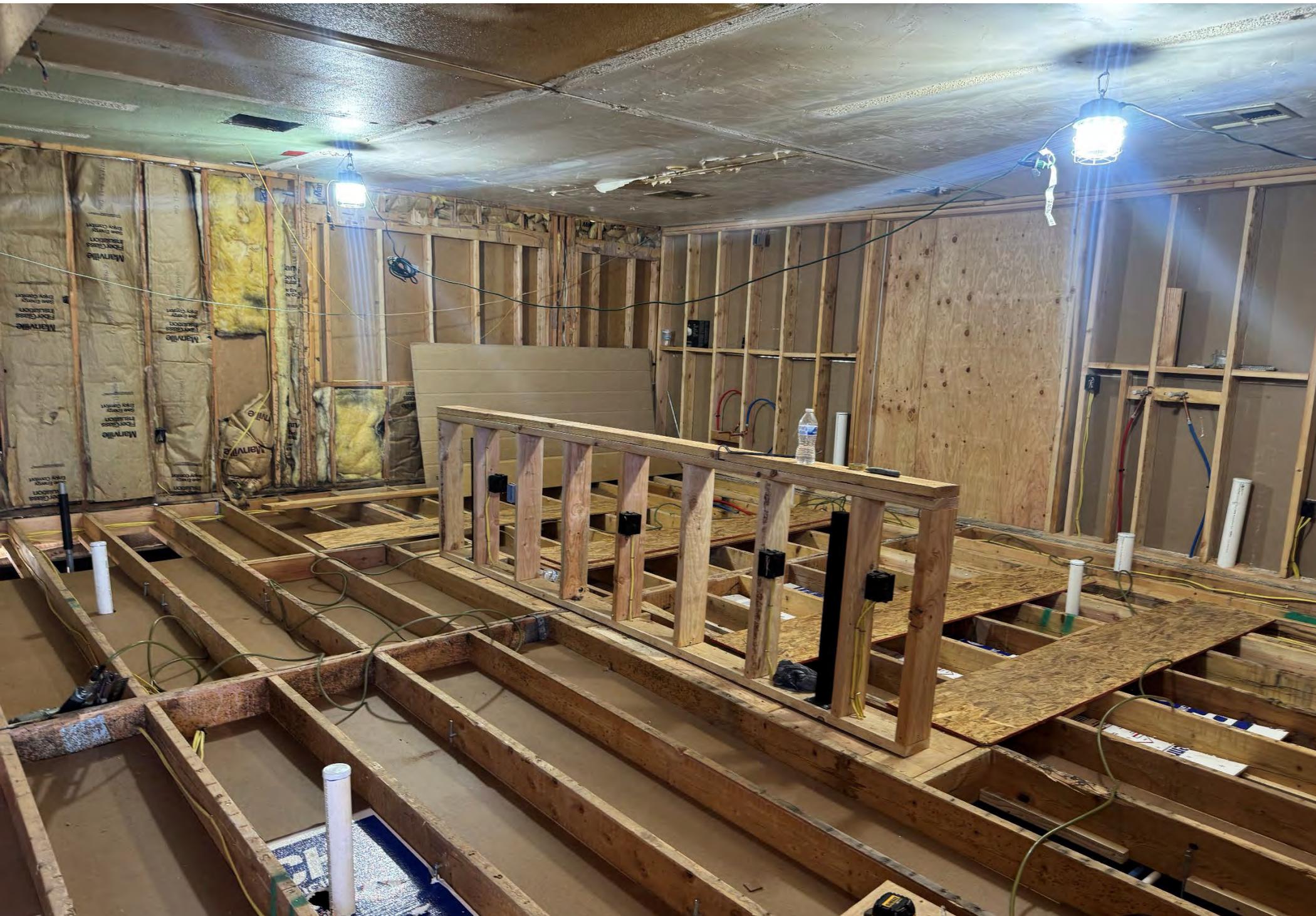


1 (800) 722-4777

Press 5 for Mobile Clinic Appointments

[dph.sbcounty.gov](https://dph.sbcounty.gov)

## 6. 19<sup>th</sup> HOLE REMODEL



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# 7. SBCTA SOCIAL MEDIA

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CELEBRATE  
ROUTE 66 CENTENNIAL  
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an original Route 66 town



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Needles, CA.. 92363

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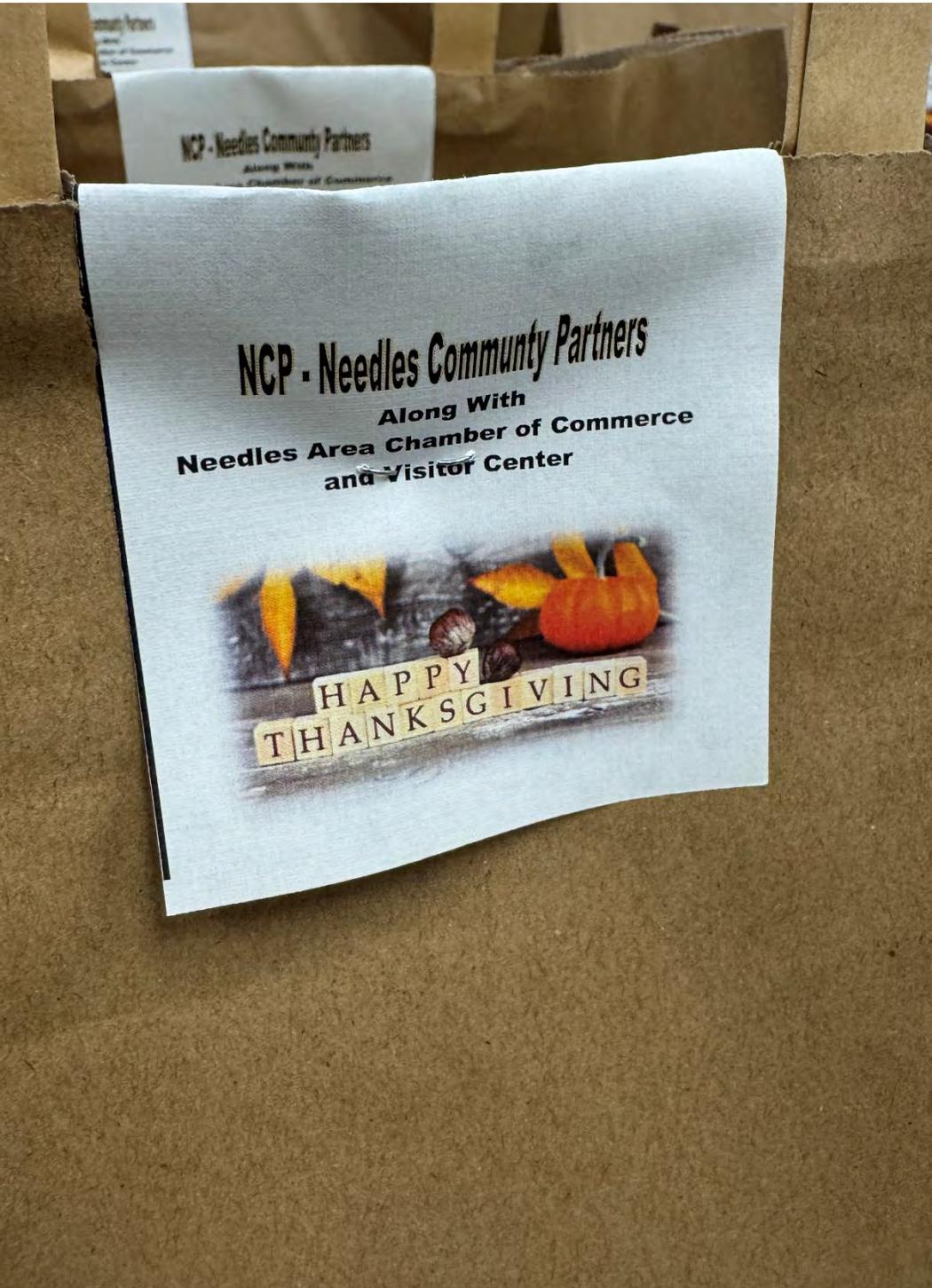
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**Eldery & Alone**  
NEEDLES RESIDENTS ONLY  
**NOVEMBER 26**

DINNER PREPARED BY NEEDLES WOMENS CLUB  
FOOD PROVIDED BY TRI-STATE COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE  
KITCHEN PROVIDED BY NEEDLES HIGH SCHOOL  
DINNERS DELIVERED BY MAKE BULLHEAD BETTER VOLUNTEERS

TO SIGN UP FOR DELIVERY:  
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# 15. PACIFIC CLINIC ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY





# Clubhouse Program

Promoting wellness, resiliency  
and recovery in a safe  
environment with a friendly  
atmosphere



We help our members to develop skills that promote overall health and well-being. Through education, peer support and personalized guidance, we empower members to take control of their health and achieve meaningful recovery. Our goal is to support members in living full, satisfying lives as they progress on their recovery journey. We build a path to improve mental health and wellness.

## Become a member

Must be over 18 years of age and provide verification or a reasonable indicator of past or present lived experience with a mental health condition. Members must be able to care for themselves and benefit from the program.

There is no cost to be a member and no insurance is required.

## Member Benefits

- Learn self-care and positive coping skills
- Wi-Fi/computers access
- Assistance finding local resources
- Achieve wellness and reach recovery goals
- Support groups
- Access to engaging peer-led and support groups
- Group activities
- Crafts, games and celebrations

## Contact Info

1060 E. Broadway Street  
Needles, CA 92363

626.753.8725

[Sonia.Vicario@PacificClinics.org](mailto:Sonia.Vicario@PacificClinics.org)

# 16. EXPANDED DELIVERY

**DOORDASH** Search DoorDash 817 3rd St Delivery Pickup Sign In Sign Up

Home Grocery Retail Convenience Beauty Pets Gift Cards Health Browse All Sign up or Login

### What can we get you?

Fast Food Mexican Burgers Chinese Deals Pizza Chicken Low delivery fee Desserts Sandwiches Healthy Pickup Comfort Food Steak

Save 20% or more on essentials for Thanksgiving  
Terms apply.  
[Shop now](#)

More stores, more options.  
We expanded your delivery zone. Discover new grocery and retail now near you.  
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### Most popular local restaurants

See All

- Pancho Villas**  
4.3★ (200+) • 1.3 mi • 27 min  
\$0 delivery fee
- Panda Garden - 2302 Needles Hwy**  
4.7★ (100+) • 1.2 mi • 32 min  
\$0 delivery fee
- The Foodini's**  
4.9★ (200+) • 12.4 mi • 45 min  
\$0 delivery fee
- I Heart Tacos**  
4.6★ (4k+) • 12.9 mi • 33 min  
\$0 delivery fee
- Roadhouse 95 Restaurant & Bar**  
4.3★ (500+) • 11.9 mi • 47 min  
\$0 delivery fee

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### Retail

Pets Flowers Retail Convenience Beauty Alcohol Packages Over 4.5★ Under 30 min Price

### Stores Near You

- Dollar General**  
24 min  
\$0 delivery fee  
SNAP
- Family Dollar**  
45 min  
\$0 delivery fee
- Ace Hardware**  
Opens Fri at 6:30 AM  
\$0 delivery fee • Closed
- Safeway Flower Shop**  
Opens Fri at 9:20 AM  
\$0 delivery fee • Closed
- Safeway Pets**  
Fast 35 min  
\$0 delivery fee by 8:11 PM
- CVS**  
Fast 36 min  
\$0 delivery fee by 8:12 PM  
25% off \$30+. Up to \$10 off SNAP

### Popular Deals

See All

Store	Item	Price
Dollar General	Item 1	\$3.25 (was \$3.50)
	Item 2	\$4.50 (was \$5.00)
	Item 3	\$1.75 (was \$1.85)
	Item 4	\$2.75 (was \$3.00)
Family Dollar	Item 1	\$5.75 (was \$6.50)
	Item 2	\$1.40 (was \$1.95)
	Item 3	\$2.00 (was \$2.35)
	Item 4	\$10.95 (was \$11.50)
Safeway Pets	Item 1	\$13.19 (was \$14.29)
	Item 2	\$11.99 (was \$13.19)
	Item 3	\$24.19 (was \$26.39)
	Item 4	\$19.79 (was \$21.99)
CVS	Item 1	\$3.79 (was \$5.99)
	Item 2	\$1.99 (was \$5.49)
	Item 3	\$7.99 (was \$9.69)
	Item 4	\$1.99 (was \$4.29)

# 16. EXPANDED DELIVERY



Start your free 30-day trial

**Walmart+ Assist**

**Get your membership for  
\$6.47/month<sup>1</sup>**

Qualify for government assistance of SNAP, WIC, Medicaid & more?  
Enjoy Early Access to Black Friday Deals<sup>2</sup>, Free Delivery<sup>3</sup> & more for  
half the price with Walmart+ Assist.

**Claim your free 30-day trial**

<sup>1</sup>See Walmart+ Terms of Use. Don't qualify? Explore other options. <sup>2</sup>Paid members only.  
Online only. While supplies last. <sup>3</sup>\$35 order minimum. Restrictions apply



**How it works**

# 17. CHAMBER MORNING COFFEE



# 18. NEEDLES VETERANS

#LamarLovesVeterans  
#HeroesAcrossAmerica

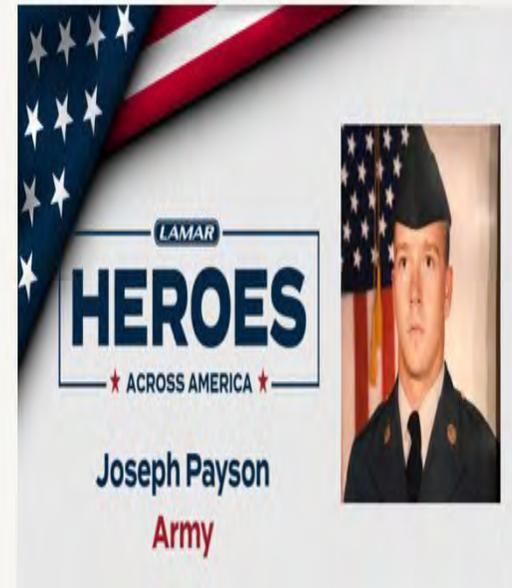
Thank you Lamar

Keep an eye out for [Wyatt Oldewurtel](#) on the digital billboard on 95 just after Jerome. He'll be up there until the 14th.

Thank you son for your service. ❤️ 🤍 💙

[Needles Military Moms](#)

[Elevate Fitness & Nutrition Group](#)



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## 20. FALL VACCINATION CLINIC



## LOW INCOME HOUSING

- Needles Housing Authority (760) 326-3222
- Lilly Hill Apartments (760) 326-2433
- Mesa Grande Apartments (760) 326-2404
- Riverview Terrace Apartments (760) 326-4800

## SOCIAL SERVICES

- Adult Protective Services/ In-Home Support Services (760)326-9328
- Behavioral Health Services (DBH) (760) 326-9313
- Children and Family Services (760) 326-9339
- Transitional Assistance Department (TAD) (877) 410-8829
- Social Security Administration (866) 931-4956
- Fort Mohave Tribal Social Services (928) 346-1550
- Department of Child Support (866) 901-3212

## EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES

- First Institute (657) 799-6388
- California Indian Manpower Consortium (CIMC) (800)640-2462
- Department of Labor (800) 333-4636
- Employment Development Department (EDD) Unemployment (800)300-5616
- Fair Employment and Housing (800) 884-1684
- Paid Family Leave Act (877) 480-3287
- San Bernardino County Job Line (909) 387-5611

## SHELTERS

- Set Free Church (760) 326-2941
- Salvation Army Emergency Shelter (909) 888-4880
- Domestic Violence Unity Home (760) 366-9663

## FOOD DISTRIBUTION/MEAL PROGRAM

- St. Vincent De Paul (760) 326-4420
- St. Ann's Catholic Church (760) 326-2721
- Santa Fe Park (760) 326-3522
- Salvation Army (760) 877-3940
- Isabel's Pantry (760) 443-4342
- Calvary Church Of Needles (760) 326-2904
- Bonnie Baker/Meals on Wheels (760) 326-2898
- Ft. Mohave Tribal Senior Nutrition Program (760) 629-2371
- Needles CAPK WIC Program (866)327-3074

## UTILITY ASSISTANCE

- Lifeline Telephone Service (866)-272-0349
- Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) (909) 723-1500
- Salvation Army Utility Help (760) 228-0114

## LOCAL UTILITY COMPANIES

- Needles Public Utility Authority (NPUA) (760) 326-5700
- Southwest Gas Co. (877) 860-6020
- Rt. 66 Broadband (760) 326-4190
- Frontier Communications (928) 453-0532
- Mohave Broadband (928) 768- 0110

## TRANSPORTATION

- Needles Area Transit (NAT) (866) 669-6309
- Needles Dial-A-Ride (760) 326-4789
- Dial-A-Ride Fort Mohave/Bullhead Shuttle (760) 326-4789

## MEDICAL SUPPLY

- Shield Healthcare (800) 557-8797
- Anything Medical (928) 763-5959
- Preferred Home Care (928) 704-4654
- Lin-Care (928)704-9033

# City Of Needles Resources



**City of Needles**  
**(760) 326-2113**

## EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

- Department of Environmental Health Services (800) 442-2283
- Needles Unified School District Administration (760) 326-3891
- Katie Hohstadt School HeadStart/Preschool (760) 326-5221
- Vista Colorado Elementary School (760) 326-2167
- Needles Middle School (760) 326-3894
- Needles High School/ Educational Training Center (ETC) (760) 326-2191
- Seventh Day Adventist School (760) 326-4406
- WIOA Program (760) 326-4590
- SB County Library – Needles Branch 760-326-9255
- Palo Verde Community College (760) 326-5033
- Mohave Community College (928) 758-3926
- First 5/ West Care (760) 326-3135

## HOMELESS/LOW INCOME VETERANS

- Nations Finest (928) 615-4965 Ask for Khristina
- VA Loma Linda Healthcare System HCHV Program (800) 741- 8387
- Veterans National Homeless Call Center (877) 424- 3838
- VA Crisis Chat Line 988 then press 1

## LEGAL

- Inland County Legal Services (888) 805-6455 Ext: 4520
- Inland Fair Housing and Mediation (800) 321-0911
- Victim Witness (760) 552-6946
- SB County Superior Court – Needles (760) 269-4962

## HEALTH SERVICES

- Health Department (760) 326-9230
- Colorado River Medical Center (CRMC) (760) 326-7100
- Valley View Medical Center (928) 788-2273
- Western Arizona Regional Medical Center (WARMC) (928) 763-2273
- Havasu Regional Medical Center (928) 855-8185
- Department of Veterans Affairs (800) 827-1000
- Tri-State Community HealthCare (760) 326-0222

## SAFETY

- Ambulance (760) 326-5299
- Highway Patrol (760) 326-2000
- Fire Department (760) 326-2833
- Sheriff Station (760) 326-9200
- Poison Control (800) 222-1222
- Teen Rescue (800) 494-2200

## HOTLINES

- Adult & Elder Abuse (877) 565-2020
- Child Abuse (800) 827-8724
- Database Information 211
- WE TIP (800) 782-7462 Report Crime
- Alcoholics Anonymous (760) 242-9292
- Gamblers Anonymous (760) 261-4267
- Narcotics Anonymous (888) 322-6817
- Victim Witness Services (800) 777-9229
- National Sexual Assault (800) 656-4673

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

- National Domestic Violence (800) 799-7233
- Faith and Grace (928) 302-9028
- WestCare (928) 763-1945
- Haven Family Rescue Center (928) 505-3153

## CHURCHES

- Needles Assembly of God (760) 326-2751
- Christian Church of Needles (760) 326-2781
- Needles Church of Christ (760) 326-2441
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (760) 326-3363
- Calvary Chapel (760) 326-2904
- Set Free (760) 326-2941
- Grace Lutheran (760) 326-3128
- Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness (760) 326-2520
- St. Ann's Catholic Church (760) 326-2721
- St. John's Episcopal Church (760) 326-3552
- Seventh Day Adventist (760) 326-4406
- Church of God in Christ (760) 326-3113
- Fire House Ministries (760) 443-4342

## SUPPORT SERVICES

- Department of Social Services (DSS) (877) 410-8829
- Needles Senior Center (760) 326-4789
- Needles Animal Control (760) 326-4952
- Inland Medical Center (909) 890-3000
- Family Caregiver Support Program (FCSP) (760) 326-9224
- Department of Veterans Affairs (800) 827-1000
- Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy Program (HTCAP) (800) 434-0222
- California Relay Services (877) 546-7414
- Fort Mohave Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation (928) 768-1144
- Camp Good Grief (909) 558-8212
- Pacific Clinics (626) 753-8725

## **23. CITY OFFICES CLOSED**



**THIS OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED  
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 27, 2025, AND  
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 28, 2025,  
FOR THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY.**

**WE WILL REOPEN  
MONDAY DECEMBER 1, 2025,  
AT 8:30 A.M.**