

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County of: San Bernardino

385 N. Arrowhead Avenue, 2nd Floor

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From: (Public Agency): City of Needles

817 Third Street

Needles, Ca 92363

(Address)

Project Title: RESOLUTION 2025-49 - Conditional Use Permit (CUP) FOR A LICENSED RETAIL CANNABIS DISPENSARY AND RELATED TENANT IMPROVEMENTS

Project Applicant: Norman Yousif, on behalf of Off The Charts (OTC)

Project Location - Specific:

1611 Needles Highway, Needles Ca 92363; APN 0185-062-26-0000

Project Location - City: Needles **Project Location - County:** San Bernardino

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

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

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Needles

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Irene Romero, City of Needles

Exempt Status: (check one):

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ **Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:** Section 15301 (Class1)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

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.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Irene Romero **Area Code/Telephone/Extension:** (760) 326-2115 X127

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: [Signature] **Date:** 01/15/26 **Title:** City Planner

▪ Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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