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					NEW ITEMS
1	3.10.2	Ordinance Amending Sacramento City Code Section 9.44.190 Related to Animal Redemption Fees	DGS / Animal Care Services / Penny Cistaro	22-Apr-10	The proposed amendment would be to delete subsection B of 9.44.190 related to animal redemption fees as this subsection is unnecessary/ redundant in light of 9.44.180.
					DATE SCHEDULED
2	10.09.2	False Fire Alarms	Fire / Troy Malaspino	22-Apr-10	Adopt City Code Chapter 8.38 relating to false fire alarms. The proposed Ordinance seeks to reduce the number of false fire alarms by promoting responsible maintenance practices from fire alarm system owners. Also, the proposed Ordinance seeks to impose a false fire alarm penalty after multiple false fire alarms from the same system within a 365 day period. Outreach completed and tentative final draft is being revised. Will be meeting with CAO for final review before legislative process.
3	2.10.6	Transportation Development Impact Fee Program	Transportation / Azadeh Doherty	22-Apr-10	Consider an Ordinance to implement a Transportation Development Impact fee program.
4	10.09.4	Storage Boxes / PODS	CM Sheedy / Code Enforcement / Dennis Kubo & Tina Lee-Vogt	TBA	Code staff presenting a report recommending that the Committee provide direction on key policy issues related to the development of an ordinance to regulate Portable on Demand Storage (PODS) containers and direct staff to report back with an ordinance for consideration for the Law and Legislation Committee.

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5	3.09.5	Ordinance Amendment: Police Alarms	Police Department / Jim Maccoun	4-May-10	This ordinance amendment is a revision of Chapter 8.36 of the City Code, regarding alarm systems, regulation and false alarm reduction. The ordinance is still going through revisions in the City Attorney's Office.
6	2.10.2	Regulatory Improvement Bundle 2010-A (M09-034)	Community Development / Sandra Yope	4-May-10	Various updates to Title 17 to clean up language and code consistency.
7	1.10.6	Emergency Response Fee Recovery	CMO / Gus Vina	4-May-10	Ordinance to make possible the recovery, via the insurance claim process, of City fees incurred during vehicle accidents and possibly structure fires. The CAO is in the process of drafting this ordinance for review.
8	4.04.1	Solid Waste Facility Inspection Fee	CM McCarty / Solid Waste / Edison Hicks	18-May-10	Ordinance to establish inspection program for solid waste facilities. The Law & Leg Committee first heard a staff report on this issue on November 4, 2004 and directed staff to get input from an advisory committee and report back to the L&L Committee with recommendations on fees. Staff has been working with the current Council Member and the community on this issue.
9	10.09.1	Discussion Paper: Sharps Ordinance	CM Hammond / Solid Waste / Edison Hicks	18-May-10	A discussion paper to explore a proposed ordinance to require all retail stores, hospitals and other points of sales or distributors of sharps for home use in the City of Sacramento to take back the sharps at their expense.

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10	2.10.7	Fireworks Ordinance	Fire / Troy Malaspino	18-May-10	Amend the Fireworks Ordinance to more closely reflect recently changed state codes regarding the possession, use, and disposal of dangerous fireworks, while also allowing for more effective cost recovery for these misdemeanors.
11	3.10.1	Swanston Design Review District Initiation and North Sacramento Design Review District	Transportation / Fedolia "Sparky" Harris	18-May-10	Design guidelines from the pending Swanston Station Transit Village Specific Plan are proposed to be implemented through a new Swanston Design Review District requiring the need to adjust the boundaries of the existing North Sacramento Design Review District to avoid overlap.
12	11.09.1	Interim Ordinance for Beverage Bottling Plants	Utilities / Marty Hanneman	20-Jul-10	Council directed staff to refer to the Law & Legislation Committee an Ordinance amending the City Zoning Code to require special permits and consider tiered water rates for commercial beverage bottling plants. This item is part of regulatory reform schedule.
					LONG TERM ITEMS
13	1.04.2	Update on Sign Ordinance and Sign Program	CM Waters/CDD/ Joy Patterson / CAO / TBD	Spring 2010	Staff is doing a citywide study and will come back to the committee when it is completed. Staff held several council workshops to get feedback and direction before returning with a comprehensive proposed ordinance for committee consideration in early 2009. The Committee provided feedback and directed staff to report back. CM Cohn asked that staff review the City of Portland's program for A-Frame signs and report as to whether this program can be implemented in the City as a pilot program. STATUS: Staff has drafted an ordinance amendment that authorizes digital billboards (which the city code currently prohibits) and a relocation agreement as part of a subset of this project. That ordinance is scheduled for the April 6, 2010 meeting of the Law & Legislation Committee. Work on the comprehensive revision will resume once the digital-billboard project is done.

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14	1.05.2	Amend Tree Ordinance	DOT/Joe Benassini	Late 2010	Minor changes were approved by L&L April 2008 and by City Council June 2008. Revised draft ordinance and outreach efforts underway. Item is going to Council June 2009. Amend the City's Tree Ordinance to add section to amend the tree permit appeals process. STATUS: This item is being reviewed by an outside consultant and will probably be heard in late 2010.
15	5.05.2	Housing Trust Fund Ordinance Revisions	Community Development Dept/ Greg Sandlund	Summer 2010	Staff is preparing an off-agenda memo for Nexus study and will be bringing the Housing Trust Fund portion forward in early 2009 for minor technical revisions. Item heard by Council on April 18 as part of the Affordable Housing Workshop. Based on the recommendations by Council, staff will bring this item to L&L. STATUS: An off agenda memo was sent to the Council on July 25, 2008 detailing proposed revisions to the Housing Trust Fund Ordinance. Recommended revisions to the ordinance are anticipated to be before the L&L in Summer 2010.
16	8.05.1	Amend Ordinance Relating to Illegal Dumping Conviction Reward Program	CM Waters / Utilities / Edison Hicks	Pending	Amend ordinance relating to reward program to allow payment of reward at arrest and prosecution for illegal dumping. STATUS: No update at this time.
17	4.07.1	Home Occupation Permit re: Somatic Massage	L&L Committee/ Finance Dept./ Brad Wasson	Spring 2010	As of July 30, 2008 Revenue Division and Code Enforcement staff will be providing a joint report back on both Items 7.06.1 and 4.07.1. At the 4/17/07 L&L meeting the Committee directed staff to come back with options to amend the home occupation permit. STATUS: The State has enacted new requirements for massage practitioners. City code will need to be updated to comply with the State changes. The request to allow somatic massage practitioners to operate out of their home with a Home Occupation permit will be folded in with the State review. The Revenue Division is meeting with the CAO to determine what needs to change. Staff is hoping to go to L&L in Spring 2010.

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18	4.07.3	Discussion Paper on Portable Gas Leaf Blowers	CM Waters / Code Enforcement / Tina Lee-Vogt & CMO	Pending	Off Agenda memo sent to City Council on July 15, 2008 recommending no further action. At the 08/19/08 Committee meeting, CM Waters asked that this item remain on the log and that staff report back to the committee regarding noise complaints and their responses. STATUS: Code staff is researching other cities' regulation policies and is preparing an update for L&L.
19	03.09.6	Diaper Changing Areas Discussion Paper	CM McCarty / CDD / David Kwong	Pending	Diaper changing room requirement policy for major remodels and new construction. STATUS: The CAO is looking into this request. There is an issue of preemption. The City cannot supplement the building code without specific findings that local conditions require a regulation that goes beyond statewide building code standards.
20	4.09.3	Exemption to Green Waste Collection Ordinance	Utilities / Edison Hicks	Winter 2010	Adds an exemption to Sacramento's Green Waste Collection ordinance to include single family residential homes whose green waste is 100% maintained by a Homeowner's Association. STATUS: A memo was sent in regards to preparation for a ballot measure on this topic. This item is projected to be heard in late Winter 2010.
21	5.09.1	Feasibility of Citywide Newsrack Program	CM Hammond / Economic Development / Denise Malvetti	Pending	The proposed ordinance will eliminate the individual newsracks of varied shapes, sizes and colors and replace them with City-owned, modular racks. STATUS: Staff is focused on implementing the first phase and hopes to get it up and running to learn how to best implement future phases. Newsracks were installed on K Street in early 2010.

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22	8.09.1	Regulating Mortgage Consultants	CM McCarty/CAO / Eileen Teichert	Pending	The City Attorney is reviewing policies adopted by the City of Los Angeles which regulate mortgage consultants who prey on homeowners facing foreclosure. The City of Sacramento may wish to pursue something similar. STATUS: Per CM McCarty and the CAO, SB 94 has resolved many of the concerns related to the abuses the City had been made aware of in the Spring of 2009. <u>This item will be removed from the next version of the log.</u>
23	8.09.5	Treatment of Circus Animals	CMO / Michelle Heppner	Pending	Staff is bringing forward a discussion paper regarding a possible ordinance outlining the humane treatment of circus animals while they are within the City of Sacramento. STATUS: Staff is currently conducting research in preparation for a discussion paper.
24	8.09.6	Egg-Laying Chickens	CMO / Michelle Heppner	Summer 2010	Staff is bringing forward a discussion paper with regard to a possible ordinance that would allow egg-laying chickens in back yards. STATUS: Staff is currently conducting research in preparation for a discussion paper.
25	12.09.3	Rezone Ordinance for Solid Waste Overlay Zone	Community Development / David Kwong	Pending	Develop a rezone ordinance to implement the Solid Waste Overlay Zone in District 2 and in any other district where the overlay zone might be necessary, as described in Title 17 of the City Code. STATUS: Marty Hanneman (DOU) distributed a memo on this subject on 12/03/09; the item has been referred to CDD for follow-up.
26	1.10.1	Discussion Paper: Tobacco sales close to neighborhood schools	CM McCarty and CM Sheedy / Code Enforcement / Max Fernandez	Pending	Discussion paper to look at expanding the restrictions for tobacco sales within certain distances of schools, limiting hours for sales for tobacco products and stripping licenses for establishments with multiple violations. STATUS: Code staff is researching other California cities for their codes and policies prohibiting tobacco sales near schools.

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27	1.10.2	Discussion Paper: Social Host Ordinance	CM Waters / Police Department / TBD	Pending	Discussion paper to evaluate the issue of underage drinking that is facilitated by adults at house parties. STATUS: Staff is meeting with the CAO to begin review of policy issues.
28	1.10.4	Whistle Blower Ordinance	CM McCarty/CMO	Pending	Research and report on options related to a potential Whistle Blower Ordinance. STATUS: No update at this time.
29	2.10.5	City of Sacramento Climate Action Plan	CM Cohn / Community Development / Helen Selph	Pending	Encourage and integrate bicycle usage into City facilities and operations. STATUS: Staff will incorporate into the process for development of Phase 2 of the Climate Action Plan an evaluation of opportunities.