

Legislation Log

Tracking #	Subject Matter	Ordinance Sponsor/ Staff	Estimated Law & Legislation Hearing Date 1	Notes	Controversial or Significant Policy Issues	Anticipated Attorney Drafting Time for Completion 2	Revised 04/04/08 City Departments Possibly Affected
				NEW OR UPDATED ITEMS			
1 4.08.1	AB 1985 - Sidewalk Reapirs	Transportation / Lucinda Wilcox	20-May-08	This bill would instead require every sidewalk owner, as defined, to maintain that sidewalk in a condition that will not endanger persons or property and will not interfere with the public convenience in the use of those sidewalks.	TBD	TBD	TBD
2 3.08.3	AB 2169 - Ice Cream Truck Licensing	Finance / Dafna Gauthier	Pending	This bill would prohibit a city or county from issuing a license to operate an ice cream truck, as defined, to any person who is required to register as a sex offender.	TBD	TBD	TBD
3 3.08.4	SB 1447 - Solar Energy Systems	General Services / Keith Roberts	20-May-08	This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to authorize net metering aggregation for installed solar energy systems to allow city governments to install solar panels in one location and use that collected energy to offset the energy costs of their other facilities.	TBD	TBD	TBD

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4	4.08.2 SB 1185 - Subdivision Maps	Dvelopment Services/ David Kwong	5-Jun-08	This bill would extend the applicable expiration date to 24 months, as specified, for any vesting tentative map, in addition to a tentative map, generally. By adding to the procedures officials in counties, cities, and cities and counties must follow, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.	TBD	TBD	TBD
				LAW AND LEG COMMITTEE ORDINANCE & REPORTS - DATE SCHEDULED			
5	4.07.3 Discussion Paper on Portable Gas Leaf Blowers	L&L Committee/ Code Enforcement & CMO	6-May-08	At the 4/17/07 L&L Meeting the Committee directed staff to come back with a discussion paper on issues relating to portable leaf blowers including: the legal decibel limit, the noise caused by multiple blowers, the air quality issues, blowing debris onto the streets, and whether we are superseded by the state to regulate leaf blowers.	Yes	TBD	Code Enforcement
6	3.08.6 State Propositions	SHRA / Cindy Cavanaugh	6-May-08	Review of current ballot initiatives Propositions 98 and 99 with regard to eminent domain.	TBD	TBD	TBD

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7	SB 1674 - Before and After School Programs	Parks / Camille Wise	20-May-08	This bill relates to Prop 49 funding for before and after school programs. It authorizes the administrators of the After School Education and Safety Program to operate during weekends. Relates to funding for the program. Requires a program participant that contracts with another agency to provide some or all of the program's services to ensure that the contract includes funds for reasonable indirect and administrative costs incurred by the contracting agency.	TBD	TBD	TBD
				LAW AND LEG COMMITTEE ORDINANCE & REPORTS - DATE PENDING			
8	Update on Sign Ordinance and Sign Program	CM Waters/DSD/ Joy Patterson / CAO / Rich Archibald	Pending	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. Staff is doing a citywide study and will come back to the committee when it is completed. Staff has been holding several council workshops to get feedback and direction before returning with a comprehensive proposed ordinance for committee consideration.	Yes	Significant	Dev Svcs/ NSD

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9	Solid Waste Facility Inspection Fee	Code Enforcement/ Ron O'Connor	Pending	Ordinance to establish inspection program for solid waste facilities. The Law & Leg Committee 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.	TBD	To be Determined	Solid Waste/ Code/ DSD
10	Establish Drug & Gun Free Zones and Creation of Civil Exclusion	Police/Sherri Scruggs	Pending	Subject heard by Committee on 12/7/04. Staff met with Portland DA and federal agencies to share information. CAO reviewing information provided. Staff has determined that the Portland model will not work due to constitutional challenges it has faced. The City Attorney's office is reviewing potential alternatives such as the Lancaster ordinance.	Possibly	Significant	Police/CAO
11	Amend Tree Ordinance	Parks & Rec/Joe Benassini	Pending	Amend the City's Tree Ordinance to add section to: allow assessment of fees; prohibit topping of trees; and amend the tree permit appeals process.	TBD	TBD	Parks & Rec
12	Housing Trust Fund Nexus Study	Planning Dept/ Carol Shearly	Pending	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.	Possibly	To Be Determined	Dev Svcs
13	Amend Ordinance Relating to Reward Program	Waters/Utilities/ Gary Reents	Pending	Amend ordinance relating to reward program to allow payment of reward at arrest and prosecution.	Unlikely	Limited	Utilities
14	Ordinance to Regulate Valet Parking Operations	DOT/Howard Chan	Pending	Any valet parking operator who performs valet parking services at a restaurant or other place of public assembly will be required to have a valet parking permit.	TBD	TBD	DOT

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15	An Ordinance Relating to Bi-Directional Amplification Devices in Newly Constructed Buildings	Police & Fire/ Capt. McCarthy	Pending	The proposed ordinance would require that all new buildings over 5,000 square feet be required to install bi-directional amplification (BDA) devices, as needed, in newly constructed buildings. Ninety days after the certificate of occupancy is issued the building owner will have to provide certification that a test was done to determine if the BDA is necessary. If it is necessary, then a BDA must be installed. The State has implemented legislation that will begin January 1, 2008.	No	TBD	TBD
16	Docks Area Plan Ordinance	Econ Development/ Beth Tincher	Pending	Adopt, by ordinance, the Docks Area Specific Plan and Special Planning District.	TBD	TBD	TBD
17	Ordinance Banning Cart Vendors	CM Pannell/ Finance/ Brad Wasson	Pending	On 7/18/06, CM Pannell requested that staff bring forward to the L&L Committee the ordinance banning cart vendors. This request is related to portable push-cart type food vendors.	TBD	TBD	TBD
18	Ordinance Repealing, Amending and Reenacting Sections of City Code Related to Encroachment and Excavation Permits and Street and Sidewalk Use Regulation	Trans Dept/ Jon Blank	Pending	Approve and forward to the City Council the attached Ordinance amendments to Title 12 of the City Code.	No	TBD	Transportation Dept
19	Amend City Code to Address Vacant Lots	CM Hammond/ Code/ Max Fernandez	Pending	At the Feb 6, 2007 L&L meeting, CM Hammond requested that staff research bringing forward an amendment to code requiring that vacant lots are fenced.	TBD	TBD	Code Enforcement

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20	Campaign Finance Ordinance Review	L&L Committee and Council/ Attorney's Office/ Eileen Tiechert	Pending	At the March 20, 2007 L&L meeting the Committee directed staff to redraft the current campaign finance code to simplify the language, making the code easier to read and understand.	No	TBD	TBD
21	Discussion Paper on Amendment Options to the Home Occupation Permit	L&L Committee/ Finance Dept/ Brad Wasson	Pending	At the 4/17/07 L&L meeting the Committee directed staff to come back with options to amend the home occupation permit.	TBD	TBD	Finance
22	Regulation of Check Cashing and Pay Day Loan Stores	CM Sheedy/ DSD	Pending	At the May 15, 2007 Council Meeting, Councilmembers Sheedy, Hammond, McCarty, and Pannell requested that the CAO explore the issue of regulating Check Cashing and Payday Loan Stores. On Oct 2, 2007, staff brought forward an emergency moratorium ordinance for the committee's consideration. Since the moratorium was approved, staff will bring back an ordinance regulating these stores for the committee's consideration.	Yes	TBD	TBD
23	Amend Ordinance Relating to Garbage Pickup	Utilities/ Edison Hicks	Pending	Proposed amendment to make garbage pickup in the central city consistent with pickup in the residential areas.	TBD	TBD	Utilities
24	Ordinance Amendment: Community Racial Profiling Commission	Police/ Helga Sprung	Pending	Proposed amendment would modify the Community Racial Profiling Ordinance to reflect a change in the frequency of the Commission's meetings. The modification would allow CRPC to meet no less than quarterly.	No	Limited	Police
25	Discussion Paper: Land Use and Liability Insurance Regulations for Gun Dealers	CM McCarty/ Police & CAO	Pending	At the request of Councilmember McCarty, staff will bring forward a discussion paper relating to land use regulations of firearms' dealers' locations and requiring dealers to obtain liability insurance.	TBD	TBD	TBD

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26	2007 California Building Code Amendments	DSD/Bob Chase	Pending	The state will be revising its building code this year. Staff will bring forward any necessary changes to reflect the changes at the state level.	TBD	TBD	Development Services
27	Smoke-Free Housing City Subsidy	SHRA/ Council Member McCarty	Pending	Inclusion criteria for smoke-free units in City-subsidized housing	TBD	TBD	SHRA
28	Banning plastic bags and styrofoam cups in the City	Council Members Tretheway, Sheedy and Pannell/Solid Waste	Pending	Consideration and discussion on the banning of plastic bags and styrofoam cups in the City.	TBD	TBD	TBD
29	Light Rail and Bus Passenger Safety	Council Member Pannell/Police	Pending	Review light rail and bus passenger safety.	TBD	TBD	TBD
30	Weed Abatement in Vacant Lots	Fire Dept. / Troy Malaspino	Pending	Codes need to be updated to reflect that weed abatement on vacant lots is with Fire now and not Neighborhood Services.	TBD	TBD	TBD

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