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					NEW OR UPDATED ITEMS			
1	12.08.5	Ordinance Amending Various Sections of Title 8 of the Sacramento City Code Relating to Building Codes	Code Enforcement / David Paul	3-Feb-09	Ordinance Amending Various Sections of Title 8 of the Sacramento City Code Relating to Building Codes; cleans up language and updates it to match the adopted State Building Codes.	TBD	TBD	TBD
2	12.08.6	Refund of Parkland Dedication Fees	Parks & Rec / Mary de Beauvieres	3-Feb-09	Amend Section 16.64.030 of the Sacramento City Code as it relates to the refund of parkland dedication fees.	TBD	TBD	TBD
3	5.08.2	Establishment of Administrative Fee for New Utilities Accounts	Utilities / Karen Lane	3-Feb-09	Creates a structure for a new fee for opening accounts, provides for a public forum via commission hearing and pfp, and amends current ordinance and budget information accordingly.	TBD	TBD	Utilities
4	12.08.7	Recycling Ordinance Update Related to Billing Code	Utilities / Shelle Smallwood & Jamille Moens	3-Feb-09	The Recycle Ordinance is an update to City Code Chapter 13, creating a separate section for Recycling service mandates similar to that of garbage service, in which recycling use be a component of garbage service billing and the garbage city code. With the new billing system, recycling is billed as a separate line item for the services provided for in a separate container.	TBD	TBD	TBD

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5	1.09.1	Interim Ordinance for Alternative Development Standards	Development Services / Bill Crouch	3-Feb-09	Amending Interim ordinance No. 2007-026 establishing regulations pertaining to lot coverage, massing and scale and front yard setbacks in the East Sacramento neighborhoods.	TBD	TBD	TBD
6	1.09.2	Proposed Charter Amendment to Change the Structure of City Government	City Attorney/City Clerk	17-Feb-09	At the January 6, 2009 Council meeting Councilm\ members requested that an initiative measure to amend the City Charter to change the structure of city government be brought to the Law and Legislation Committee. The proposed initiative would transfer the City Manager's chief executive authority to the Mayor and grant the Mayor new executive powers and duties.	TBD	TBD	TBD
7	12.08.1	Amendment to City Code to Increase Penalty to Harm or Abandon Wildlife in City Parks	Parks & Recreation / Alan Tomiyama	3-Mar-09	Approve and forward to City Council for adoption the proposed amendment to City Code Chapter 12.72, Article III, Section 12.72.060, increasing the penalty to a misdemeanor to kill, chase, wound, or capture any wild or domestic bird, or animal in a park; abandon any animal in a City Park.	TBD	TBD	TBD

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8	5.07.4	Regulation of Check Cashing and Pay Day Loan Stores	CM Sheedy/ DSD Joy Patterson	3-Mar-09	Staff met the 2nd week of August, 2008 to determine possible course of action. At the May 15, 2007 Council Meeting, Councilmember's 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. On 10/16/08, Council approved an extension of the emergency moratorium for 1 year. Staff expects to return with an ordinance regulating these stores for the committee's consideration in one year's time.	Yes	TBD	TBD

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					LAW AND LEG COMMITTEE ORDINANCE & REPORTS - DATE SCHEDULED			
9	12.08.2	Regulatory Improvement Bundle 09-A	Development Services / Sandra Yope	3-Mar-09	Amends Titles 15, 17 and 18 to: change the wall requirements along alley ways for residential and possibly other wall issues in Title 17; a couple of clean up items for language in Title 17; change the noticing requirements for Home Occ. Permit waivers to be consistent with all other hearings in Title 17; remove the requirement for LLAs to go to SRC in Title 18 (since it never happens), and eliminate the requirement to do a ZA SP for demos when leaving the site vacant in Title 15.	TBD	TBD	TBD

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					LAW AND LEG COMMITTEE ORDINANCE & REPORTS - DATE PENDING			
10	1.04.2	Update on Sign Ordinance and Sign Program	CM Waters/DSD/ Joy Patterson / CAO / Rich Archibald	Early 2009	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 in early 2009. 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.	Yes	Significant	Dev Svcs/ NSD
11	4.04.1	Solid Waste Facility Inspection Fee	Solid Waste / Edison Hicks	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

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12	1.05.2	Amend Tree Ordinance	Parks & Rec/Joe Benassini	Jun-09	Minor changes were approved by L&L April 2008 and by City Council June 2008. Revised draft ordinance and outreach efforts underway. Item will be brought back to L&L by June 2009. 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
13	5.05.2	Housing Trust Fund Nexus Study	Planning Dept/ Carol Shearly	Pending	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.	Possibly	To Be Determined	Dev Svcs
14	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.	Unlikely	Limited	Utilities

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15	4.06.1	Ordinance to Regulate Valet Parking Operations	DOT/Howard Chan	Early 2009	Draft Ordinance passed by the CAO Internal Review Committee. DOT doing outreach to stakeholders (Valet Vendors and businesses). Item to be heard by Fall 2008. 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
16	7.06.1	Ordinance Banning Cart Vendors	CM Pannell/ Finance/ Brad Wasson	Pending	An off-agenda memo on this subject was distributed on 10/22/08. A staff report is being crafted in conjunction with the Revenue Division and will be presented to this committee shortly. As of July 30, 2008 Revenue Division and Code Enforcement staff will be providing a joint report back in the near future on both Items 7.06.1 and 4.07.1. 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 and includes CM Sheedy's request on 5/2/08 (CC Log # 009-08) relating to candy vendors hanging around school sites after school is out.	TBD	TBD	TBD

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17	9.06.1	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	As of 7/8/08 DOT staff working to reach consensus on regulatory concerns raised by SMUD. Approve and forward to the City Council Ordinance amendments to Title 12 of the City Code.	No	TBD	Transportation Dept
18	3.07.4	Campaign Finance Ordinance Review	L&L Committee and Council/ Attorney's Office/ Eileen Teichert	Pending	Report back to Council following November 2008 election. 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
19	4.07.1	Discussion Paper on Amendment Options to the Home Occupation Permit	L&L Committee/ Finance Dept./ Brad Wasson	Pending	As of July 30, 2008 Revenue Division and Code Enforcement staff will be providing a joint report back in the near future 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.	TBD	TBD	Finance

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20	4.07.3	Discussion Paper on Portable Gas Leaf Blowers	CM Waters / Code Enforcement & 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.	Yes	TBD	Code Enforcement
21	5.08.6	Review of Allowable Uses in Special Planning Districts That Overlay Commercial Corridors	Planning Dept/ Carol Shearly	Early 2009	Zoning code fixes are listed as a priority 2030 General Plan implementation program. Staff will bring forward more details about the scope of that effort to Council at some point prior to General Plan adoption which is anticipated to occur by the end of 2008. Report will help facilitate staff proposals for encouraging retail and other revenue-generating development along the City's commercial corridors.	TBD	TBD	TBD
22	6.08.1	Tobacco Retailers	Code Enforcement / David Paul	Pending	This item was heard on 05/06/08, where the committee directed staff to return in order to provide additional, clarifying language to include further sanctions. The City Attorney's Office is working on a memo to this effect. An Ordinance amending Chapter 5.138 of the Sacramento City Code relating to the expiration of tobacco retailer licenses.	TBD	TBD	TBD

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23	8.08.3	Discussion Paper: Sale of Card Clubs	CM McCarty / CM Sheedy / Finance / Brad Wasson	Pending	Review the regulations that disallow card clubs to sell.	TBD	TBD	TBD
24	09.08.2	Parking in Central City	Transportation / Chris Dougherty and Howard Chan	Pending	This item would amend Title 17.64 of the City Code, relating to parking in the Central City. The proposed Zoning Code amendments implement the recommendations of the Central City Parking Master Plan adopted by City Council in September 2006.	TBD	TBD	TBD

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