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					NEW ITEMS
1	10.09.2	False Fire Alarms	Fire / Troy Malaspino	**3-Nov-09**	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.
2	10.09.3	Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance	Michael Malone / Utilities Department	**17-Nov-09**	The California Department of Water Resources has recently adopted the updated Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance. The ordinance became effective on September 10, 2009. Local governments and urban water suppliers must adopt and implement the Model Ordinance, or a local ordinance that is at least as effective as the Model Ordinance. The law requires cities and counties, including charter cities and charter counties, to adopt landscape water conservation ordinances by January 1, 2010.
3	5.09.2	Citywide Policy regarding Plastic Bags and Styrofoam Containers	CM McCarty / Utilities / Edison Hicks	**5-Jan-10**	Staff will present a discussion paper on possible ordinances for citywide policies regarding plastic bags in supermarkets and Styrofoam containers in restaurants.
4	10.09.1	Sharps Ordinance Report	Solid Waste / Edison Hicks	**5-Jan-10**	To protect the safety of the general public by providing for a safe and affordable disposal option for home-generated sharps.

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5	9.09.3	2010 State and Federal Legislative Platforms	City Manager's Office / Michelle Heppner	**3-Nov-09**	Review and approve for adoption by the full Council the 2010 State and Federal Legislative Platforms.
6	3.09.5	Ordinance Amendment: Police Alarms	Police Department / Jim Maccoun	**3-Nov-09**	This ordinance amendment is a revision of Chapter 8.36 of the City Code, regarding alarm systems, regulation and false alarm reduction.
7	4.09.4	Medical Marijuana Dispensaries	Michelle Heppner / City Manager's Office	**1-Dec-09**	Council approved a temporary moratorium during the study period. Staff will be coming back to the Law & Legislation Committee with a draft ordinance for discussion and direction.
					LONG TERM ITEMS
8	1.04.2	Update on Sign Ordinance and Sign Program	CM Waters/CDD/ Joy Patterson / CAO / TBD	Fall 2009	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: Awaiting an initial draft from consultant and anticipate scheduling for L&L sometime in late 2009. City Attorney's Office has reassigned the project. CDD and CAO are reviewing a draft from the consultant.**

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9	4.04.1	Solid Waste Facility Inspection Fee	CM McCarty / Solid Waste / Edison Hicks	Pending	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. **STATUS: Looking at a different approach to this item. Council Member McCarty is meeting with staff and stakeholders to discuss options.**
10	1.05.2	Amend Tree Ordinance	DOT/Joe Benassini	Late 2009	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: Minor amendments regarding allowing the Planning Commission to hear tree permit appeals related to development projects are schedule to be brought to Council by CDD on June 2. A larger complete ordinance change relating to all things trees should be coming before L&L by the end of 2009.**
11	5.05.2	Housing Trust Fund Nexus Study	Community Development Dept/ TBD	Fall 2009	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 Fall 2009.**

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12	8.05.1	Amend Ordinance Relating to Illegal Dumping Conviction Reward Program	CM Waters / Utilities / Edison Hicks	September 2009	Amend ordinance relating to reward program to allow payment of reward at arrest and prosecution for illegal dumping. **STATUS: This item will be brought before the committee in Fall 2009.**
13	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 vendors hanging around school sites after school is out. **STATUS: Revenue and Code staff will return to L&L in Fall 2009 with recommendations.**
14	4.07.1	Home Occupation Permit re: Somatic Massage	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 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: State recently approved SB 731 regulating massages. Revenue and Code staff are awaiting detailed information on policies and procedures to implement this bill. Once the implementation information is finalized, staff will return with recommendations for the City.**

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15	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. **STATUS: Code staff is preparing an update for L&L.**
16	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. **STATUS: Code staff is working with the CAO which is working on a legal brief regarding the tobacco licensing issue and should have something back by Fall 2009.**
17	3.09.8	Resolution on potential divestiture of all deposits in banking and other financial institutions that fail to cooperate with foreclosure prevention efforts	City Treasurer's Office / Russ Fehr	Pending	CM Hammond asked that a resolution be brought to Law and Leg regarding asking for a report on potential divestiture of all deposits in banking and other financial institutions that fail to cooperate with foreclosure prevention efforts similar to the reso passed by City of Los Angeles. **STATUS: Staff is completing a review of finance related investments and anticipates report back in summer.**

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18	4.09.3	Exemption to Green Waste Collection Ordinance	Utilities / Edison Hicks	Fall 2009	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: This item is projected to be heard in Fall 2009.**
19	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 will be installed on K Street in Fall 2009.**
20	7.09.3	Local Business Preference Ordinance	CM Hammond/ Economic Development/ Trevor Walton	**20-Oct-09**	Discussion paper regarding a proposed ordinance that would provide that a bid evaluation preference be given to local small businesses in order to support business retention and as an economic development stimulus effort. **STATUS: Staff is working on identifying a date to bring this item back to L&L.**

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21	8.09.1	Regulating Mortgage Consultants	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: No update at this time.**
22	8.09.2	Living Wage	DGS / Reina Schwartz	Pending	The City of Sacramento is considering revising its current Living Wage Ordinance. **STATUS: No update at this time.**
23	8.09.3	Patient Dumping	CMO / Michelle Heppner	Pending	The City of Sacramento is considering establishing an Ordinance with regard to the practice of patient dumping. **STATUS: No update at this time.**
24	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.**
25	8.09.6	Egg-Laying Chickens	CMO / Michelle Heppner	Pending	Staff is brining 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.**