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NEW ITEMS				
1	10.10.1	City Attorney Legal Fees Imposed on Third Parties	CAO / Larry Duran	16-Nov-10 This ordinance will authorize the City Attorney to charge a fee to third parties for legal services performed primarily for the benefit of the third party in their dealings with the City, such as reviewing powers of attorney, letters of credit, and court orders, or drafting promissory notes, deed of trust, and other legal documents.
DATE SCHEDULED				
2	8.09.6	Egg-Laying Chickens	General Services / Penny Cistaro	16-Nov-10 Staff is returning to the committee with requested research findings regarding a possible ordinance that would allow egg-laying chickens in back yards.
LONG TERM ITEMS				
3	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 drafted an ordinance amendment that authorized digital billboards and a relocation agreement as part of a subset of this project. That ordinance was passed at 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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4	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.
5	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.
6	4.07.1	Home Occupation Permit re: Somatic Massage	L&L Committee/ Finance Dept./ Brad Wasson	Pending	The Revenue Division distributed a memo on this item on June 8, 2010. As of July 30, 2008 Revenue Division and Code Enforcement staff said they would 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 that impact the city's ability to regulate this industry. 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 met with the CAO to determine what needs to change. Staff recommends not modifying the code at this time until the state situation stabilizes.

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7	4.07.3	Discussion Paper on Portable Gas Leaf Blowers	CM Waters / Community Development / 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.
8	3.09.5	Ordinance Amendment: Police Alarms	Police Department / Jim Maccoun	Pending	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. STATUS: Staff is currently in the process of discussing next steps and dates.
9	03.09.6	Diaper Changing Areas Discussion Paper	CM McCarty / CDD / Max Fernandez	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.
10	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.
11	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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12	10.09.2	False Fire Alarms	Fire / Troy Malaspino	Pending	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. STATUS: No update at this time.
13	10.09.4	Storage Boxes / PODS	CM Sheedy / Community Development / Dennis Kubo & Tina Lee-Vogt	Pending	Code staff will report back with an ordinance to regulate Portable on Demand Storage (PODS) containers for consideration for the Law and Legislation Committee. STATUS: On 05/18/10, the Committee directed staff to return to L&L with a draft ordinance for consideration.
14	12.09.3	Rezone Ordinance for Solid Waste Overlay Zone	Community Development / Max Fernandez	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.
15	1.10.1	Discussion Paper: Tobacco sales close to neighborhood schools	CM McCarty and CM Sheedy / Community Development / 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.
16	2.10.7	Fireworks Ordinance	Fire / Troy Malaspino	Pending	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. STATUS: No update at this time.

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17	4.10.1	Taxi Moratorium and Taxi Dispatch	Dafna Gauthier / Finance	Pending	At the October 5, 2010 meeting, the Committee asked staff to report back regarding a moratorium on taxicabs in the city and on taxi dispatch. STATUS: Staff is researching the policy considerations and operational requirements for the implementation of a moratorium and central dispatch system, including enforcement, attrition and green standards.
18	5.10.3	Regulating the Parking of Boats / Boat Trailers in Driveways	CM Waters / Community Development / Max Fernandez	Pending	Discussion Paper on regulating the parking of boats/boat trailers in driveways. STATUS: No update at this time.
19	5.10.4	Amendment to Solicitor and Canvasser Ordinance	Police Department / Mike Nichols	Pending	Staff is asking the committee to approve proposed amendments to the existing Solicitor and Canvasser Ordinance (Sacramento City Code Chapter 5.116) to increase the penalty for soliciting and canvassing without a license to a misdemeanor violation rather than an infraction and to require solicitors and canvassers to display their licenses on the exterior of their clothing between the waist and neck area. STATUS: Staff is coordinating with the CAO and Revenue departments on this item.
20	7.10.1	Off-duty Police Officers at Events with Mandated Security	CM Sheedy / Police Dept.	Pending	At the July 20, 2010 Law & Legislation Committee meeting, Council Member Sheedy requested staff to provide a report back on the concept that, for businesses or events where the City requires security, that requirement include that the security must be provided by off-duty Sacramento Police Department Officers. STATUS: Staff is working with the CAO on a legal opinion in response to this request.
21	9.10.7	Loud Parties at Rental Homes	CM McCarty / Police / Alisa Buckley	Pending	CM McCarty requested that staff look at the noise ordinance as it relates to rental homes. Who is penalized for loud parties? The ordinance may need to be amended. STATUS: No update at this time.