

Proposed Updates to City Code

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- More than 150 Cities/Counties in California have some form of an Ordinance
- State law provides a means to cite unlawful possession of a shopping cart, so long as the cart has a permanently affixed sign that:
 - Identifies owner
 - Notifies public of procedure to remove from premises
 - Notifies public that removal violates state law
 - Provides valid phone number or address for return

Shopping Cart Ordinance

- Requirement for permanent affixed identification signs
 - Identifies owner
 - Notifies public that removal violates state and local law
 - Provides valid phone number and address for return
- Posted notice prohibiting removal of carts from business
- Sufficient penalty for unauthorized removal, possession or alteration of shopping cart
- Effective cart retrieval process by requiring pick up within 72 hours
- Process for permanent disposal of used shopping carts

Proposed City Shopping Ordinance

- Requiring a shopping cart plan
- Required employee training
- Loss prevention methods
 - Locking wheels
 - Poles
 - Bollards
 - Courtesy Clerks to unload carts at cars
- Aggressive fines

Not Included in Shopping Cart
Ordinance
(at this time)

- Authorize the City to exclude persons violating applicable laws from specific public places where such conduct is violent or disruptive of other City customers, City employees or the conduct of City operations.
- Explicitly would not authorize excluding a person who is exercising free speech rights or other protected rights.

Criminal Trespass – Public Places

- Provides a method for enforcing rules of conduct for city properties
 - Violate law while on City property
 - Destroy or damage City property
 - Enter secured portion of property w/out authorization
 - Conduct that is threatening or abusive
 - Camping
- Temporary exclusion from use or occupancy after a warning issued
- Apply to City facilities and parks

Criminal Trespass – Public Places

- Amend existing code to make it unlawful to be in possession of an open container of any intoxicating liquor on any sidewalk, alley or other public place in the City.

Public Drunkenness - Chap 9.40 City Code

- Prohibit any person or group from sitting or lying down on any public sidewalk, curb or street between 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. in the City's Central Business District

Sitting or Lying on Sidewalks in the Central Business District



Comments, Suggestions and Questions
