

## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT UPDATE**

### **For the week of September 2, 2013**

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#### ***Southern California***

##### **City of Manhattan Beach**

The Manhattan Beach City Council narrowly approved an ordinance that would ban the use of all polystyrene containers for take-out food. There are exemptions for raw meat, poultry, fish, and produce. There is also an exemption for cup lids, straws, and utensils, however, there was discussion to include those items in the polystyrene ban. Staff must come back to council with a report in 6 months about whether it is prudent to include those items in the ban.

##### **City of El Cajon**

The El Cajon City Council approved an ordinance that would amend the planning code regarding on-sale and off-sale alcohol retailers. Moving forward, new applicants must have a CUP, and follow strict distance requirements from other retailers, schools, etc. However, all grocery stores greater than 10,000 square feet with a maximum of 10% of floor space used for alcohol sales are exempt from the process. Existing stores will be granted automatic deemed approved status, and new stores are exempt from the CUP process. However, there are a few deemed approved performance standards, including certified training for employees that deal with alcohol sales. For new stores, the standards attached to a new liquor license are a bit more complex, although again, grocery stores are exempt from the CUP process.

##### **City of Los Angeles**

Councilmember Koretz introduced a motion that directed the City Attorney and City Administrative Office to look at increasing the legal age one can purchase tobacco products from 18 to 21.

##### **City of Seal Beach**

The City of Seal Beach adopted a 45 day moratorium on any new e-cigarette and smoke shops, so that they can better research and understand the implications of e-cigarettes.

##### **City of Los Angeles**

A webinar to discuss the intricacies of the City's carryout bag ban has been confirmed for Wednesday, September 25 at 10:00am with the Bureau of Sanitation. Mark your calendars.

#### ***Northern California***

##### **San Jose Polystyrene Ban**

Council has banned the use of EPS as food service ware for all food retailers. Consistent with other regulation raw meats have been exempted.

**San Jose Municipal SSB Ban**

Council is being asked to consider a ban on providing sugar sweetened beverages drinks at city facilities. The proposal does not directly impact food retailers, but represents a sustained attack on food choices.

**El Cerrito Carryout Bags**

City Council adopted without changes the West Contra Costa County bag ordinance.

**Los Gatos Carryout Bags**

City Council adopted the Peninsula regional carryout bag ordinance which has been adopted by numerous other cities in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties.

**Visalia Shopping Carts**

Visalia has passed a shopping cart ordinance which requires mandatory retrieval and mandatory electronic containment for stores which receive over ten administrative fines in a year. CGA and member companies were able to remove mandatory electronic containment for new stores or when over \$50,000 in construction is performed on an existing store.