

## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT UPDATE**

### **For the week of October 20, 2014**

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#### **Northern California**

##### **Lafayette Carryout Bags**

The Lafayette City Council had a discussion on their opportunity to regulate carryout bags. They had passed a resolution stating intent to regulation before the September 1 preemption date set in SB 270. The Council appears to be leaning towards a ban/charge model ordinance for retailers who would be covered by SB 270.

##### **Mountain View Carryout Bags**

Mountain View City Council is in the process of removing the increase on the charge for paper bags and leave it at the current 10-cents in order to create consistency with SB 270.

##### **Windsor E-Cigarettes**

E-cigaretets have been added to their prohibition on smoking in public places which includes retail spaces.

#### **Southern California**

##### **Garden Grove smoking regulations**

The City Council introduced an ordinance prohibiting the use of electronic cigarettes in all locations where the smoking of tobacco products is prohibited by state law.

##### **Laguna Hills smoking regulations**

The City Council introduced an ordinance to regulate the use and sale of e-cigarettes in the same manner as tobacco products.

##### **Pico Rivera single-use plastic bags**

The City Council held a first reading on an ordinance prohibiting the distribution of single-use plastic carry-out bags at the point of sale at retail establishments.

##### **Santa Diego minimum wage**

The referendum to overturn San Diego's proposal to increase the minimum wage to \$11.50/hour was approved. The San Diego City Council has ten business days to act by: rescinding the ordinance, scheduling a special election, or placing it on the next regularly scheduled election, which takes place on June 7, 2016.

##### **Santa Monica smoking regulations**

The City Council unanimously voted to restrict e-cigarettes the same as regular cigarettes. The new ordinance will take effect November 14, 2014 when e-cigarettes will be banned in public places and vapor retailers will have to obtain a tobacco license.

