

LOCAL GOVERNMENT UPDATE
For the week of November 3, 2014

Northern California

San Francisco Formula Retail

The San Francisco Board of Supervisors Land Use Committee just heard competing proposals to regulate Formula Retail. They have consolidated the proposals and are asking the Board to regulate Formula Retail with 11 or more locations and require additional planning review and perform an economic impact analysis.

Santa Cruz Carryout Bags

Santa Cruz City Council ultimately chose to not make changes to their original ordinance. The Council was considering requiring reusable be 4mils in thickness and creating a minimum charge for reusable bags.

Pittsburg Carryout Bags

Pittsburg City Council removed planned increases for the paper bag charge in order to remain consistent with SB 270.

San Pablo Food Packaging

The use of polystyrene foam for prepared food packing has been banned by the San Pablo City Council. Raw meats and seafood are exempt from the mandate

Gilroy Tobacco Retail Licensing

In compliance with a County grant Gilroy has begun considering a tobacco retailer licensing ordinance which would include a fee paid by participating retailers.

Southern California

Garden Grove smoking regulations

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

Indio single-use carryout bags

The City of Indio pushed its plastic bag ban implementation deadline by a month so that it would be the same as the statewide ban timeline. The plastic bag ban will begin January 1, 2015, but the City will not enforce the ban until July 1, 2015.

City of Los Angeles minimum wage

The City Council's Economic Development Committee held a hearing on a proposal to raise the hourly minimum wage to \$13.25 by 2017 and \$15.25 by 2019 and another proposal to have the City Administrative Office conduct an economic impact study. The committee ordered a study on the two proposals to be completed by February 2015.

Pico Rivera single-use carryout bags

The City Council approved a ban on the distribution of single-use plastic carry-out bags at the point of sale at retail establishments.