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Item Number:	21
Name of Legislation:	Increasing statewide health impact fee on cigarettes and imposing excise tax on sugar-sweetened beverages.
Short Description. Please include a description of the current issue/problem, as well as any relevant historical background.	The City supported increasing the tax on cigarettes by 0.29 cents in 2002 by resolutions, and included a general statement of support for an increase in the cigarette tax in the 2004 legislative agenda. Policy both raises significant revenue and acts as a deterrent to unhealthy behaviors.
Sponsoring Department:	Health
Submitted By:	Gretchen Musicant
Lead Staff:	Alison Moore
Statute Citation:	
Priority or Support item?	Support
State Fiscal Impact:	Estimated revenue generated. Cigarettes per pack: 0.25 = \$96M, 0.50 = \$180M, \$1.00 = 296M/yr. Sugar sweetened beverages 0.01 cent/ounce = \$261M
Supportive Partners:	
Potential Opposition:	
For Internal IGR Use	
IGR Lead Staff	Melissa Reed
Covered in existing item?	No. Cigarette tax was included in previous agendas.
Priority or Support?	Support
Notes:	

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Item Number:	26
Name of Legislation:	Assault on code enforcement officers
Short Description. Please include a description of the current issue/problem, as well as any relevant historical background.	It is currently an enhanced criminal penalty (usually a gross misdemeanor) for some one to assault several types of public employees while they are "engaged in the performance of a duty imposed by law, policy, or rule." This amendment would add "code enforcement officers" to the existing statutory list. "Code enforcement officers" would include, for example, traffic enforcement officers, inspections, and animal control officers.
Sponsoring Department:	Regulatory Services
Submitted By:	Henry Reimer
Key Staff:	Henry Reimer
Statute Citation:	609.2231 subd. 6
Priority or Support item?	
State Fiscal Impact:	
Supportive Partners:	
Potential Opposition:	
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IGR Lead Staff	Melissa Reed
Covered in existing item?	No
Priority or Support?	

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Item Number:	27
Name of Legislation:	Green Building Codes
Short Description. Please include a description of the current issue/problem, as well as any relevant historical background.	Allow authority in the state building code for municipalities to enact and enforce local green building regulations related to housing. International Green Building Construction Code. Allow cities to enforce IGBC.
Sponsoring Department:	Regulatory Services
Submitted By:	Rocco Forte
Key Staff:	Henry Reimer
Statute Citation:	
Priority or Support item?	
State Fiscal Impact:	
Supportive Partners:	Possibly LMC, other cities
Potential Opposition:	Builders Association, Multihousing Association, Realtors
For Internal IGR Use	
IGR Lead Staff	Melissa Reed
Covered in existing item?	No
Priority or Support?	

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Item Number:	28
Name of Legislation:	Towing of Unlicensed Taxi Cabs
Short Description. Please include a description of the current issue/problem, as well as any relevant historical background.	Current state statute dose not allow the City to tow unlicensed tax cabs after an enforcement action. As the city continues to have problems with unlicensed taxi cabs and takes enforcement actions, we currently do not have the legal authority to ensure that the driver is held responsible and that the unlicensed vehicle is not returned in the same illegal manner in the future. Towing and impounding would ensure unlicensed and often unsafe vehicles are not used and that properly licensed cabs are provided to the public. It will also ensure that companies that do properly license their vehicles are not under cut by these illegal cab operators.
Sponsoring Department:	Regulatory Services
Submitted By:	Rocco Forte
Key Staff:	Clara Schmidt Gonzolas
Statute Citation:	Minn. Stat. 169.041
Priority or Support item?	Priority
State Fiscal Impact:	
Supportive Partners:	
Potential Opposition:	
For Internal IGR Use	
IGR Lead Staff	Pierre Willette
Covered in existing item?	No
Priority or Support?	
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Item Number:	29
Name of Legislation:	Disability Certificate Enforcement
Short Description. Please include a description of the current issue/problem, as well as any relevant historical background.	Current state law allows for simple dismissal of a ticket issued for violation of use of a disability parking certificate by production of such a valid certificate. The City is considering ceasing the enforcement or the tagging of expired disability certificates as they are always dismissed in court regardless of how long expired or who might be using them. It is recommend that in order to avoid abuse of such certificates that the state law be changed to no longer allow for the dismissal of such tags when the permit is expired for more than 30 to 60 days.
Sponsoring Department:	Regulatory Services
Submitted By:	Rocco Forte
Key Staff:	Clara Schmidt Gonzolas
Statute Citation:	Minn. Stat. Sec. 169.346, subd. 3.
Priority or Support item?	
State Fiscal Impact:	None
Supportive Partners:	
Potential Opposition:	
For Internal IGR Use	
IGR Lead Staff	Pierre Willette
Covered in existing item?	No
Priority or Support?	

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Item Number:	30
Name of Legislation:	Administrative fines collection from "scofflaws"
Short Description. Please include a description of the current issue/problem, as well as any relevant historical background.	<p>Looking for ways to better collect unpaid parking fines whether they be criminal or administrative violations.</p> <p>City Attorney Lee Wolf's interpretation of the "scofflaw" section of state statute would not apply to administrative parking violations. This would be a hindrance to pursuing a broader use of the administrative process for enforcing parking regulations.</p> <p>Both the use of administrative process and the existing State Court criminal process for collecting these fines needs more teeth. The Court used to suspend driver's licenses for parking violations, however, they ceased doing this a few years ago. There currently is no significant inducement for people to pay these fines and there is more than \$19 million in outstanding uncollected fines in the 4th Judicial District alone with an estimates that 80% of that belongs to the City of Minneapolis. The Court does send the outstanding fine accounts out for collection, but after 6 years they are removed from the record. The City and the State are missing out on a lot of needed revenue that could help with falling budgets.</p>
Sponsoring Department:	Regulatory Services
Submitted By:	Henry Reimer
Key Staff:	
Statute Citation:	169.014 subd. 5 (13).
Priority or Support item?	Priority
State Fiscal Impact:	
Supportive Partners:	Possibly LMC, Metro Cities
Potential Opposition:	Scofflaws, legislature not keen on granting cities increased administrative citation authority.
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IGR Lead Staff	
Covered in existing item?	
Priority or Support?	

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Item Number:	1
Name of Legislation:	Pilot project sunset extension
Short Description. Please include a description of the current issue/problem, as well as any relevant historical background.	Extends sunset or make permanent 2009 legislation that allowed cities to create a license reinstatement diversion pilot program for those charged with driving after license revocation. The authorizing statute is set to sunset in June, 2011 and the Minneap
Sponsoring Department:	City Attorney
Submitted By:	Susan Segal
Key Staff:	
Statute Citation:	Chapter 59, 2009
Priority or Support item?	Priority
State Fiscal Impact:	No
Supportive Partners:	St. Paul, other cities
Potential Opposition:	Need to confirm with Dept. of Public Safety. Do not expect opposition
For Internal IGR Use	
IGR Lead Staff	Melissa Reed
Covered in existing item?	No
Priority or Support?	
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Item Number:	2
Name of Legislation:	Penalties for harm to animal control officers due to neglect or intentional failure to confine and animal.
Short Description. Please include a description of the current issue/problem, as well as any relevant historical background.	The safety of animal control officers is often placed in jeopardy. Recent cases involving dangerous dogs have highlighted this concern. While there is a provision in Minn. Stat. 609.2231 to enhance penalties for assault of animal control officers to a
Sponsoring Department:	City Attorney
Submitted By:	Susan Segal
Key Staff:	
Statute Citation:	Stat. 609.226
Priority or Support item?	
State Fiscal Impact:	
Supportive Partners:	
Potential Opposition:	
For Internal IGR Use	
IGR Lead Staff	Melissa Reed
Covered in existing item?	No
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Item Number:	3
Name of Legislation:	Trespassing affirmative defense
Short Description. Please include a description of the current issue/problem, as well as any relevant historical background.	Create an affirmative defense of "claim of right," and remove the requirement that the state prove a defendant had no claim of right, contained in the trespassing prohibitions. Defendant would be required to prove that s/he had a legitimate reason to be o
Sponsoring Department:	City Attorney
Submitted By:	Susan Segal
Key Staff:	
Statute Citation:	609.605
Priority or Support item?	
State Fiscal Impact:	Possible impact on courts
Supportive Partners:	
Potential Opposition:	
For Internal IGR Use	
IGR Lead Staff	Melissa Reed
Covered in existing item?	No
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Item Number:	4
Name of Legislation:	Victim/Witness Data Confidentiality
Short Description. Please include a description of the current issue/problem, as well as any relevant historical background.	Allow law enforcement to withhold data when access to the data would reveal the identity of a victim of or witness to a crime and the agency reasonably determines that revealing the identity of the victim or witness would threaten the personal safety or p
Sponsoring Department:	City Attorney
Submitted By:	Susan Segal
Key Staff:	
Statute Citation:	13.82, Subd. 17
Priority or Support item?	
State Fiscal Impact:	
Supportive Partners:	
Potential Opposition:	Public data/disclosure advocates
For Internal IGR Use	
IGR Lead Staff	Melissa Reed
Covered in existing item?	No
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Item Number:	5
Name of Legislation:	Eminent Domain for Contaminated Properties
Short Description. Please include a description of the current issue/problem, as well as any relevant historical background.	Amend eminent domain statutes to reverse a September 2, 2010, Minnesota Supreme Court decision holding that the fair market value of contaminated property in a condemnation proceeding is the value of the property as if the contamination had already been r
Sponsoring Department:	City Attorney
Submitted By:	Susan Segal
Key Staff:	
Statute Citation:	Moorhead Development Authority v. Anda, _N.W.2d_ , 2010 WL 3430871 (Minn.2010).
Priority or Support item?	
State Fiscal Impact:	
Supportive Partners:	LMC, other cities, possible other governmental entities
Potential Opposition:	Property owners, anti-eminent domain legislators
For Internal IGR Use	
IGR Lead Staff	
Covered in existing item?	
Priority or Support?	
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Item Number:	6
Name of Legislation:	Enhancement authority affirmation
Short Description. Please include a description of the current issue/problem, as well as any relevant historical background.	Amend statute to make clear that prosecutors have the authority to charge the listed offenses as gross misdemeanors. This provision has been a vital tool in prosecuting chronic livability crime by permitting prosecutors to enhance certain livability off
Sponsoring Department:	City Attorney
Submitted By:	Susan Segal
Key Staff:	
Statute Citation:	609.153
Priority or Support item?	
State Fiscal Impact:	Possibly to courts.
Supportive Partners:	
Potential Opposition:	Any enhancement is always challenging
For Internal IGR Use	
IGR Lead Staff	Melissa Reed
Covered in existing item?	No
Priority or Support?	

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Item Number:	20
Name of Legislation:	Authority for a pilot project to examine youth violence
Short Description. Please include a description of the current issue/problem, as well as any relevant historical background.	Seek legislative action to create a statewide 3-year pilot project granting all county child mortality review panels the option to expand their scope to conduct juvenile and young adult (24 and younger) mortality review for deaths resulting from peer to peer violence. Counties are already required to conduct child mortality review panel with a minor dies. Item would allow counties to extend this review authority to young adult deaths. Hennepin County has conducted review panels since 1990.
Sponsoring Department:	Health
Submitted By:	Gretchen Musicant
Lead Staff:	Gretchen Musicant
Statute Citation:	MS. 256.01, subd. 12. and Minn Rul. 9560.0232
Priority or Support item?	Not indicated but should see if other cities or organizations are interested.
State Fiscal Impact:	Minimal - could save property tax relief program appropriation
Supportive Partners:	
Potential Opposition:	
For Internal IGR Use	
IGR Lead Staff	Melissa Reed
Covered in existing item?	No
Priority or Support?	
Notes:	