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WEEK IN REVIEW:

Mon (Sept. 7)	Tues (Sept. 8)	Wed (Sept. 9)	Thurs (Sept. 10)	Fri (Sept. 11)
LABOR DAY HOLIDAY		12:00 PM Housing & Neighborhood Development Committee, Room 280 2:00 PM Environment Committee, Room 280	12:00 PM Community Safety Committee Meeting, Room 280	

CALENDAR DETAILS:

Monday, September 7

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

Wednesday, September 9

12:00 PM Housing & Neighborhood Development Committee, Room 280
AGENDA: Neighborhood leadership awards update; Neighborhood revitalization strategy

2:00 PM Environment Committee, Room 280
AGENDA: Water meters upgrade project; Drought status; Water quality update

Thursday, September 10

12:00 PM Community Safety Committee, Room 280
AGENDA: Towing and booting businesses update; Public safety zones; Door-to-door solicitation; Review of public safety efforts

September and October calendars are attached.



Sept-Oct 2015.pdf

INFORMATION:

2015 State Legislative Report #29

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Attached is the latest State Legislative Report.



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September

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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6	7 Labor Day	8	9 12:00pm Housing & Neighborhood Dev. Committee Mtg., Room 280 2:00pm Environment Committee Mtg., Room 280	10 12:00pm Community Safety Committee Mtg., Room 280	11	12
13	14 3:00pm Transportation & Planning Committee Mtg., Room 280	15	16	17 12:00pm ED & Global Competitiveness Committee Mtg., Ovens Auditorium, Hospitality Room, 2 nd Floor	Chamber Retreat Asheville, NC	
20	21 3:00pm Intergovernmental Relations Committee Mtg., Room 280 5:00pm Zoning Meeting, Room CH-14	22	23 12:00pm Housing & Neighborhood Dev. Committee Mtg., Room 280 5:30pm MTC Meeting, Room 267	24 12:00pm Transportation & Planning Committee Mtg., Room 280	25	26
27	28 12:00pm Governance & Accountability Committee Mtg., Room 280 2:00pm Budget Committee Mtg., Room 280 5:00pm Citizens' Forum/Council Business Meeting, Room 267	29	30			
ICMA Conference Seattle, WA					2015	

October

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1 12:00pm ED & Global Competitiveness Committee Mtg., Room CH-14	2	3
4	5 5:00pm Council Workshop/Citizens' Forum, Room 267	6	7	8 12:00pm Community Safety Committee Mtg., Room 280	9	10
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NCLM Conference Winston-Salem, NC						
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**CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE
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September 4, 2015

TO: Ron Carlee, City Manager
Ron Kimble, Deputy City Manager

FROM: Dana Fenton, Intergovernmental Relations Manager

SUBJECT: **2015 State Legislative Report #29**

Trending Topics

2015 Appropriations Act ([HB 97 – Dollar, L. Johnson, McGrady and Lambeth](#)):

- House and Senate budget conferees continue to meet; they will be meeting over the Labor Day weekend
- Conferees must agree to budget by September 18 or pass a fourth continuing resolution to keep State government operating

NC Competes Act – Sales Tax Redistribution / Economic Development ([HB 117 – Martin](#)):

- In a caucus meeting earlier this week, House Republicans reaffirmed their overwhelming opposition to the Senate's 50/50 sales tax redistribution proposal
- Vote was 48 members opposed and 22 members supported

SB 541, Regulate Transportation Network Companies:

- Signed into law by the Governor

Fiscal & Administrative

Repeal Business License Fees ([HB 739 – Brawley](#)) repeals authority for cities to charge a regulatory user fee to businesses that are located in cities, which would repeal local authority to charge specific regulatory user fees. That local authority is being considered by some cities as a replacement for the privilege license tax, which is the target of the sponsor. HB 739 passed the House and was referred to Senate Rules. Representative Brawley has agreed to work with the NC League of Municipalities and City of Charlotte on compromise language.

Regulatory Reform

Local Government Regulatory Reform Act 2015 ([HB 44 – Conrad, Lambeth, Hanes and Terry](#)) is now in a House-Senate committee of conference. Sections of interest to the City are notification to property owners prior to beginning local government construction projects, conversion of travel lanes to bike lanes, riparian buffer reform, and county control of development. City staff is working with the NC League of Municipalities and other local governments to minimize the unintended consequences to local governments from these sections.

Regulatory Reform Act of 2015 ([HB 765 – McElraft](#)) is now in a House-Senate committee of conference. Sections of interest to the City include a new requirement for local governments undertaking water, wastewater and storm water construction to consider the use of all piping materials, which has been sought by PVC piping manufacturers. While the section requires local governments to “consider” all piping materials, the language will require local governments to document these decisions thereby adding another layer of bureaucracy to such decisions. HB 765 also substantially amends recycling requirements of discarded computer equipment and televisions by repealing the manufacturer’s fee that funds drop off centers for discarded equipment but maintains the mandate that prohibits from dumping the equipment in landfills. The fiscal impact to the City of repeal of the manufacturer’s fee is estimated at greater than \$100,000. City staff is working with the NC League of Municipalities and other local governments to minimize the unintended consequences to local governments from these sections.

Environmental & Planning

Outdoor Advertising ([HB 304 – Hager, Collins, J. Bell and Hanes](#) / [SB 320 – Brown, Rabon and Tarte](#)) preempts local authority with respect to the location, height and size of relocated signs and conversion to changeable message signs and replaces these with statewide standards. The legislation appears to open the door to relocating outdoor advertising from industrially zoned areas to commercially zoned areas and allowing such signs to be higher and larger than those allowed under existing local ordinance. HB 304 received serial referrals to House Commerce and Finance Committees, and SB 320 received serial referrals to Senate Commerce and Finance Committees.

Public Safety

Rental Registration ([HB 530 – Brawley](#)) proposes substantial changes to the statutes enacted in 2011 allowing local governments to enact rental registration programs. HB 530 impacts the City’s rental registration program in the following ways:

- Prohibits mandatory registration of all rental properties. HB 530 allows registration only for rental units that are in the top 4% of a locally adopted crime or disorder index. City currently requires all owners to register their properties so that CMPD can inform them of when crime occurs on the property, regardless of whether any of their properties meet the crime or disorder thresholds enumerated in the legislation. Without a database of rental properties and owners, the City will not be able to comply with its own requirement that all owners or managers be notified of crimes that occur on their properties.

- Prohibits local governments from imposing criminal penalties for noncompliance. Violation of the local ordinance is classified as a misdemeanor, which is only charged as a last resort for flagrant violators. By charging a misdemeanor, it triggers the judiciary to adjudicate the end result and affords due process to both the City and the owner or manager of the property.
- Requires local governments to establish an appeals board for owners of rental units to appeal actions taken against the owner by local governments. The City had such an appeals board in place that was abolished in favor of having the judiciary adjudicate such matters.
- Requires local governments to "... assist the landlord in addressing criminal activity, including testifying in court in a summary ejectment action or other matter to aid in evicting a tenant who has been charged with a crime."

Reported favorably from House Local Government and has serial referrals to the House Regulatory Reform and Finance Committees. City is working through the NC League of Municipalities with Representative Brawley.

City Requested Legislation

Stormwater Management ([HB 141 – Jeter, Cotham, Cunningham, Bradford, Bryan, Carney, Earle and R. Moore](#)) authorizes municipalities in Mecklenburg, Wake, Durham, Forsyth and Guilford Counties to utilize the statutory authority extended to Mecklenburg and Wake Counties in 2014 to implement flood damage reduction techniques that result in improvements to private property. HB 141 passed the House and was referred to Senate Rules.