

Agenda Report

TO:

City Council

July15, 2002

THROUGH: Legislative Committee (July 8, 2002)

FROM:

City Manager

SUBJECT: Support SB1528, Shopping Carts

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1. Support SB1528, a legislative vehicle to reduce the number of days unclaimed shopping carts may linger outside the premises or parking area of the retail establishments which purchased them.
- 2. Authorize the Mayor to send letters to the appropriate authorities in support of Pasadena's position

Bill Summary

SB1528, sponsored by Senator Vincent, is a bill that would require that a shopping cart be reclaimed within two business days (current law allows for three days) following the date of notice and would provide that the shopping cart be subject to applicable fees and fines commencing on the third business day (current law mandates the fourth day) following the date of the notice.

Background

The City of Pasadena adopted a Shopping Cart Nuisance Abatement Ordinance on February 25, 2002 which put into place the City's policies, procedures and fees for abating nuisance shopping carts. The State's proposed legislation would reduce the number of days a shopping cart could linger from three to two days and would allow the

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City to start its financial penalties on the third day instead of the fourth day after a shopping cart had been removed.

FISCAL IMPACT

Adoption of this bill supports the City's recently adopted Shopping Cart Nuisance Abatement Ordinance, and will not create a fiscal impact to the City that has not already been anticipated as part of our ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,

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