

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



FROM: Supervisor Stone

SUBMITTAL DATE: October 8, 2013

SUBJECT: Cart Assistance Recovery Tracking (C.A.R.T.)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors direct County Counsel to initiate and analyze the creation of a Shopping Cart Ordinance and, if feasible, introduce it for adoption.

BACKGROUND:

Many retail establishments provide shopping carts for the convenience of customers while shopping on the premises of such businesses. While the purpose of this form 11 is not to hurt businesses, as the overall goal for Riverside County is to be business friendly, it is aimed at protecting businesses and "their investments" while also providing a safe living environment for all of our residents. However, when shopping carts are removed from the premises of such businesses and left abandoned on public or private property in the county this constitutes a public nuisance and a potential hazard to the health and safety of the public.

The proliferation of removed and abandoned laundry or shopping carts on public and private property causes blighting conditions in unincorporated communities, resulting in the obstruction of free access to public and private sidewalks, street, parking lots and other ways, interferes with pedestrian and vehicular traffic on public and private streets, impedes emergency services, and can also contribute to lower property values in the unincorporated area and surrounding cities.

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While it is recognized that both the county and business owners (who provide laundry and/or shopping carts) want to maintain that carts remain on the business owners' premises, business owners invest in "their carts" as a means for the betterment of their business. Owners who provide 10 shopping carts or more to customers for use on the premises of retail establishments shall develop, implement and comply with the provisions of a written containment plan, approved by the county, to prevent customers from removing shopping carts from the premises of businesses, without prior authorization of the owner, and to provide for the retrieval of removed or abandoned shopping carts which have been removed from the premises of the retail establishment.

It is recommended for County Counsel to refer to city ordinances in Riverside County, that include a cart containment plan, such as of Banning (Chapter 5.52), Cathedral City (Chapter 9.58.120), Corona (Chapter 8.36), Desert Hot Springs (8.16.020), Hemet (Chapter 11-006), Indio (Chapter 130.035), Moreno Valley (9.08.260), Palm Desert (Chapter 5.91), Palm Springs (Chapter 11.100), Perris (Chapter 1033), Riverside (chapter 9.58), and San Jacinto (Chapter 8.48).