

Softener ban looms for another CA city

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LATHROP, CA — City leaders here are set to vote on an ordinance at an April 15 meeting that will ban the installation of residential and commercial self-regenerating water softeners, according to an April 14 report in *The Record*.

The item, which is set for a second and final reading at the City Council meeting, would not ban commercial softeners that have their softening unit replaced, the report said.

If the ordinance is approved, Lathrop would be the first city in San Joaquin County to adopt such a ban.

The city said the ban, which will not be retroactive, is necessary to ensure the city's wastewater discharge meets the total dissolved solids standard set by the Central Valley Region of the California Water Quality Control Board, according to the report.