



City of Madison Heights

Garage Sales



Do I need a garage sale permit? No

How many garage sales can I have? The owner or occupant of a home in the R-1, R-2, or R-3 Zoning Districts may have up to three (3) garage sales per calendar year. Each sale cannot exceed 72 hours.

Do I need to own or occupy the house where the garage sale occurs? Yes

What are the penalties for violations?

Section 10.1401. Violations

Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each such conviction, or shall be punished by imprisonment for a period not exceeding 90 days for each offense, or by both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court, together with the costs of such prosecution.

Temporary garage sale signs are allowed as follows:

How Many Signs Can I Have? Four (4).

Do I Need A Sign Permit? No.

How Big Can the Signs Be? Three (3) square feet in area and three (3) feet in height.

When and Where Can I Put The Signs?

Private Property - ("Private Property Signs") – Signs are permitted on private property with the property owner's permission, along the approach routes to the garage sale, beginning on any day of the week, for a period not to exceed seventy-two (72) consecutive hours. Private Property Signs must be removed within four hours after the sale. (NOTE: You need the property owner's permission to put a sign on their property!)

Right of Way - ("ROW Sign") – One (1) sign is permitted in the public right-of-way, on the corner of the street where the sale is being held. It must be placed near the street identification sign. The ROW sign may be used between the hours of 8:00 a.m. Saturday and 8:00 p.m. Sunday. The ROW Sign must be removed no later than Sunday evening at 8:00 p.m. (NOTE: The ROW sign counts toward one of the four total signs allowed. If you have a ROW sign you may only have three (3) Private Property Signs).

Prohibited Sign Locations - Utility poles, traffic lights, traffic signs, street signs, fire hydrants or trees.

What Else Do I Need To Do? Put the address and date(s) of the sale on each sign.

What Are the Penalties for Sign Violations?

Code Enforcement will issue a verbal warning and request that the sign(s) be moved to a permitted location. If such a request is not complied with, if there is a second or subsequent violation, or if sign(s) remain beyond the permitted days and times indicated above, code enforcement may confiscate the ROW sign(s), and/or issue a ticket for a civil infraction to the resident or residents holding the sale or where the sale was held. The first ticket shall carry a fine not to exceed \$25.00 for each offending sign. The second ticket shall carry a fine not to exceed \$50.00 for each offending sign. The third ticket and/or subsequent tickets shall carry a fine not to exceed \$100.00 for each offending sign. (See Zoning Ordinance Section 10.511(I)(C)(8) on back).

Questions? Please call Code Enforcement at 248-583-0831

City of Madison Heights Zoning Ordinance (Excerpts)

Ordinance 1059 - Effective November 6, 2008

Section 10.508(6) of the Code of Ordinances

- (6) Garage, rummage or yard sales (as defined in Section 10.511(I)C(8)) shall only be permitted in the R-1, R-2 and R-3 districts. The owner or occupant of any dwelling unit in the R-1, R-2 or R-3 Districts may conduct up to three (3) garage, rummage or yard sales per calendar year. Each sale shall not exceed seventy-two (72) hours. Signage for said sale(s) shall be as permitted in Section 10.511(I)C(8).

Ordinance 1032 - Effective May 6, 2004

Section 10.511(I)C(8) of the Code of Ordinances:

- (8) **Garage or rummage sale signs:** Temporary directional signs for garage or rummage sales, as defined below, not exceeding four in number, three square feet in area and three feet in height. These signs shall be permitted on private property ("Private Property Signs"), with the property owner's permission, along the approach routes to said sale, commencing any day of the week, for a period not to exceed seventy-two consecutive hours. One of these signs shall be permitted in the public right-of-way ("ROW Sign") on the street corner, of the street where the sale is being held, at, near or in the proximity of the street sign, from Saturday at 8:00 a.m. to Sunday at 8:00 p.m. However, no sign shall be placed or attached to any utility pole, telephone pole, traffic light, traffic sign, fire hydrant or tree. Further, each sign shall contain the address and dates of the sale. The Private Property Signs shall be removed not later than four hours after the sale. The ROW Sign shall be removed not later than Sunday evening at 8:00 p.m. For purposes of this ordinance, the phrase "garage or rummage sale" shall mean a sale of used household effects, appliances, clothing, china, glassware, and other such items by a person from his or her residence by means of a display of such items in the yard, garage, patio, parking area or other like place in, around or near such residence, including an estate sale and/or auction conducted at or around a residence or in a residential subdivision. It shall not mean the sale of a single motor vehicle by means of a "For Sale" sign in the window of such vehicle parked near a residence. Notwithstanding section 10.1401 and 10.1404 below, violation of this section shall result in the issuance of a verbal warning and a request to move the offending sign or signs to a permitted location; provided, however, failure to comply with such a request and/or a second or subsequent violation and/or placing or leaving a sign or signs beyond the permitted days and times indicated above, shall result in the immediate confiscation of the sign or signs, and/or the issuance of a ticket for a civil infraction to the resident or residents holding the sale or where the sale was held. The first ticket shall carry a fine not to exceed \$25.00 for each offending sign. The second ticket shall carry a fine not to exceed \$50.00 for each offending sign. The third ticket and/or subsequent tickets shall carry a fine not to exceed \$100.00 for each offending sign.