



City of Madison Heights

Garage Sales

City of Madison Heights Zoning Ordinance (Excerpts)

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.

Section 10.511(I)(C)

Temporary Signs: The following regulations shall be applicable to all exterior temporary signs:

(a) *Generally.* Temporary sign(s) may be located only on private property with the owner's permission.

(b) *Placement in Public Right of Way Prohibited:* Signs shall not be placed in the public right of way or between the public sidewalk and the road. Signs located in the public right of way will be removed and discarded.

(c) *Size (area) limitations.* The total combined area of all temporary signs shall not exceed sixteen (16) square feet per address.

(d) *Height Limitation.* No sign shall be greater in height than four (4) feet above the ground.

(e) *Number of signs.* In all R-1, R-2, R-3, R-T, R-C, R-M and H-M Districts, one (1) or more temporary signs for each address may be displayed, up to the maximum permitted sixteen (16) square feet sign area. In all other zoning districts, one (1) temporary sign for each address may be displayed, up to the maximum permitted sixteen (16) square feet sign area.

(f) *Method of Display:* Signs shall not be attached to any utility pole, street sign, traffic signal pole, street light, hydrant or tree. Signs shall not block visibility at intersections, sidewalks or driveways.

(g) *Prompt removal of damaged signs.* Damaged temporary signs shall be removed promptly.

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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

How Many Signs Can I Have? One or more signs per address, not to exceed 16 sf total.

Do I Need A Sign Permit? No.

How Big Can the Signs Be? Total 16 sf for all signs and four (4) feet in height.

When and Where Can I Put The Signs?

Private Property Only - Garage Sale Signs are permitted on private property only with the property owner's permission. Signs should be removed promptly after the sale. (NOTE: You need the property owner's permission to put a sign on their property!)

Public Right of Way Signs Prohibited - No signs are permitted in the public right of way (ROW). Generally, this is the area between the sidewalk and the curb

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

What are the penalties for Garage Sale 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.

What Are the Penalties for Signs located in the Public ROW?

Signs in the public ROW will be removed and discarded.

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

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