

**CHAPTER 702**  
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**702.01 DEFINITION.**

"Garage sale" as used in this chapter means the sale or offer for sale of over five items of personal property to the general public on any portion of a residential zoning lot, whether within or outside any building.

**702.02 TIME LIMITATION.**

Garage sales may be held only from 8:00 a.m. to sundown on weekdays and Saturdays and from 9:00 a.m. to sundown on Sundays and holidays. No sale may extend for more than three (3) consecutive days. Any portion of a day shall be counted as a full day.

**702.03 SALE OF FOOD PROHIBITED.**

No person conducting a garage sale shall sell or offer for sale any food or beverage for consumption on the premises. Food or beverages may be provided for such consumption at no cost to the consumer, but only if a permit is obtained in advance from the Board of Health of this City.

**702.04 BLOCK GARAGE SALES.**

By submitting the unanimous written consent of all adult residents who are the heads of any household on a residential block, a request may be made to the City for permission to have a "block garage sale." Such a request shall be granted subject to the restriction of this chapter and to any additional conditions or limitations which the City reasonably determines are necessary or appropriate for protection of the public peace, health, safety or welfare. If it is proposed that such a sale will involve blocking off the street so as to interfere with the free and uninterrupted use by the public of that street, an application to the City shall be made in the manner provided in Codified Ordinance 311.02.

**702.05 PROHIBITED AREAS.**

No such garage sale may be conducted on any front porch or corner side porch, in any surplus or required front yard, or in any surplus or required corner side yard of any zoning lot. These area prohibitions shall not apply to a block garage sale except with regard to corner side porches and surplus and required corner side yards.

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### **702.06 NO ATTENDANCE FEE OR CHARGE.**

No fee or other charge shall be imposed upon members of the public attending any garage sale.

### **702.07 TWO SALES EACH YEAR.**

No more than two garage sales per dwelling unit may be held on any zoning lot in any calendar year. As to any other use (i.e., other than a dwelling unit) on a residential zoning lot, no more than two such sales per calendar year may be held by or on behalf of each separate group or organization which forms a part of the allowable zoning purposes of such other use (for example, a school band is one such separate group and a school athletic team is another), subject to the following exceptions:

- A. One additional sale shall be allowed if it is by or through the estate or guardian of a resident of that lot, or results from a resident moving away from that lot to another dwelling.
- B. In any event, sales of programs and food and beverage items at school athletic events shall not be deemed to constitute garage sales.

### **702.08 ADVERTISING.**

No balloons, streamers, special lighting, noise-making devices or other advertising displays or notices may be used on the residential zoning lot to call attention to the garage sale, with the exception that one non-illuminated sign may be used as an accessory use permitted under or through Section 1119.06.

### **702.99 PENALTY.**

Whoever violates any provision of this chapter shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor so as to be fined not more than \$100.00. Any such violation shall constitute a separate offense on each successive day it is continued.

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