



CITY OF PORTLAND GARAGE SALE PERMIT FACTS

Beginning March 1, 2004, garage sale operators must obtain a permit. Here are some frequently asked questions about the law.

Where can I get a permit?

You can obtain a permit at the Building Department at City Hall, 1900 Billy G. Webb Drive.

What kinds of sales require a permit?

Any sale open to the public that is conducted from a residence or apartment that involves more than 5 items of personal property requires a permit.

I'm having a moving sale. Do I need a permit?

Yes, although we use the common term "garage sale," the definition includes all similar types of sales including yard sales, rummage sales, moving sales, etc.

How many garage sales can I have?

You are allowed to have two sales per year. The second sale permit may not be issued sooner than 90 days after the first.

How much is the permit?

\$15 during regular business hours;
\$20 after-hours and on weekends.

How do I obtain a permit after-hours?

You can purchase it after hours and on weekends at the police department, 1902 Billy G. Webb Drive.

How long is the permit good for?

Three consecutive days.

What hours can I operate?

You can operate between 7 AM and 6 PM on each of the three permit days.

Who can obtain a permit?

The owner or lessee of the property on which the sale will be conducted can obtain the permit.

What do I get for my permit fee?

You get three signs with stakes. In addition, your sale will be posted on a list of sales issued every Friday at 3:00 PM. The lists are available to the public

My church wants to have a rummage sale. Do we need a permit?

Churches and other non-profits must obtain the permit, but the permit is free. Such groups are also allowed up to 12 sales per year.

Where can I place my garage sale signs?

You must place one sign in your front yard. The others may be placed on City property or on private property with the property owner's permission. You must use the hardware supplied by the city.

Can I make my own signs?

No, you must use the signs issued by the city for all advertising. You can purchase additional signs for \$3 each.

When can I display the signs?

You can put your signs out one day before the sale. You must remove the signs within 24 hours after your permit expires.

Are there penalties for violating the ordinance?

According to the ordinance, you could be fined up to \$500 for violations.