ORDINANCE NO. 09-01G

GARAGE SALES
CITY OF GREENVILLE, MICHIGAN
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Section #1 -Purpose and Intent

It is the intent of this ordinance to regulate, control and limit the holding of garage sales, as they may become a nuisance and a safety hazard if not so regulated, and so that residential areas do not become commercialized through a proliferation of garage sales and similar commercial activities.

Section #2 - Definitions

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Garage sale means a sale of used household effects and personal property, appliances, clothing, china, glassware, tools, toys, garden implements, recreational equipment and other such items by a person from his 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. "Garage sale" also means an estate sale and/or auction conducted at or around a residence or in a residential subdivision. "Garage sale" shall not mean the sale of a single automobile by means of a "For Sale" sign in the window of such vehicle parked at or near the residence.

Salesmen's or free samples mean items which were packaged and designed to introduce products to consumers and which were distributed by salesmen or otherwise without charge.

Wholesale means sales in bulk or individual to dealers or to persons who intend to resell such item.

Section #3 - Restriction, Number and Duration

(a) There shall be no more than two (2) garage sales at any residence within anyone (1) calendar year.
(b) No garage sale may last more than seventy-two (72) hours.
(c) Garage sales shall only be conducted between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Section #4 -Sales Limitations

(a) No wholesale sales shall be made at any garage sale.
(b) No salesman shall be permitted to sell and no free samples or similar items shall be sold at any garage sale.
(c) Garage sales shall be limited to sales of items which have actually been used during the normal course of residential living at the residence at which the sale is to occur and items shall not be transported to such residence. Joint and/or group garage sales between or among two (2) or more homes shall only be permitted if the following applies:
    i. Sales shall be limited to items that have actually been used during the normal course of residential living in one (1) or more of the residences participating in the joint and/or group garage sales.

Section #5 - Garage Sale Not to Create Nuisance

(a) No garage sale shall be situated so as to obstruct traffic, nor shall any garage sale patrons park their vehicles so as to obstruct traffic.
(b) No signs advertising a garage sale regulated by this chapter shall be placed on public property, utility poles or on private property except for the property on which the garage sale is conducted. Within twenty-four (24) hours after the conclusion of a garage sale all signs shall be removed.
(c) Excessive noise emanating from the area of any garage sale shall be expressly prohibited.

Section #6 – Exemptions

The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to sales and/or charity bazaars held by churches or other houses of worship, schools and/or service organizations that are located in residential zoning districts provided that the sales and/or charity bazaars are held by the church or other house of worship, school or service organization, on their own property and provided that said sales and/or charity bazaars comply with all other requirements of the Greenville City Code, including but not limited to the Greenville Zoning Ordinance.

Section #7 - Penalty

Any person, persons or entity violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall be held responsible for a municipal civil infraction, which is punishable by a fine of $100.00.