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GARAGE (YARD) SALE PERMIT APPLICATION (Ordinance 2014-01)

Applicant Information:

Name: _____ Date of Application: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Cell #: _____

Owner Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Cell #: _____

Sale Information:

Location: _____

Date(s)*: _____

Is this your first or second sale**?: First Sale - \$0 – Free Second Sale - \$5.00

*: Sale **cannot** be longer than two (2) consecutive days; between the hours of 8am and 9pm.

**: Only two (2) Sales permitted at any one location per calendar year.

Paid: \$ _____ Date: _____ Check # _____ Cash

Signage:

Signs are permitted on private property, with owner's permission and must be removed within 24-hours after Sale. I hereby give my consent to have an advertising sign for the above sale placed on my property.

Property Owner Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

I hereby certify that the above information is true and correct and that this sale, when conducted, shall have no detrimental effect on the community. Also, I hereby certify that I have read and understand the attached key points of Ordinance # 2014-01, regulating Garage (Yard) Sales within Reading Township, Adams County; page two (2) of this application. Furthermore, in the case of rain or inclement weather, your permit may be extended for the number of days that the weather conditions prevented you from having the sale. You must bring your permit back to the Township no later than Tuesday of the following week, so that the new date(s) can be noted on your copy and the Township's copy of the permit.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Township Official Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Key Points of Ordinance #2014-01; Regulating Garage (Yard) Sales within Reading Township, Adams County

SALE INFORMATION:

- Permits are to be obtained at least 3 days prior to the sale and not more than 15 days before.
- Only two permits issued per location per year.
- Sales cannot be longer than 2 consecutive days.
- Sale can only be in operation between the hours of 8am and 9pm.
- The first permit is free (\$0).
- The second permit is five dollars (\$5.00).
- Permits MUST be displayed on site.

SIGN INFORMATION:

- Sign cannot be larger than 6 square feet (2-foot x 3-foot)
- Sign must be removed within 24 hours after the end of the sale.
- Sign cannot be posted on roadway signs, utility poles, or within road right-of-ways.
- Sign can be placed on private property, with written consent obtained from the property owner.

ENFORCEMENT INFORMATION:

- Reading Township Police Department is in charge of enforcement.
- Shall not permit any loud or boisterous conduct on such premises or permit vehicles to impede the passage of the traffic on any roads or streets in the area of the premises where the sale is being conducted.
- In the event of an emergency, all such persons shall obey reasonable orders from any member of the Police Department or the Fire Department in order to maintain the public health, safety and convenience.

EXEMPTIONS:

- The annual Hampton Yale Sale - Reading Township residents do not need to obtain a permit and it will not count towards the two allowed per year. (Check with Township Office for actual dates.)
- Sale of personal property made under an order of a court of competent jurisdiction.
- Public auctions conducted by a licensed auctioneer (Auctions can be no more than two (2) consecutive days).
- Sales by a charitable organization, educational, cultural or governmental institution, civic group, service club, religious, or fraternal society or other Tax-exempt organization.
- Sale of nine (9) or less separate items or nine (9) or less secondhand articles.

Part 1**Garage Sale Permits****§13-101. Definitions.**

The following words, terms and phrases shall have ascribed to them the meaning herein set forth unless the use of such word, term or phrase in context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Garage sale—any garage sale, driveway sale, porch sale, barn sale, fire sale, flea market, or any other type of sale held by a person or persons where numerous items of personal property are offered for sale. “Garage sale” shall not include public sales held under the direction of an auctioneer.

Person—any natural person or persons, partnership, unincorporated association or corporation, non-profit or otherwise.

Township—the Township of Reading.

(Ord. 1989-1, 6/12/1989, §1)

§13-102. Permit Required; Fee; Conditions for Sales.

1. It shall be unlawful for any person to conduct a garage sale within the geographic boundaries of Reading Township without first obtaining a garage sale permit from the Township after filing an application containing the information hereinafter specified.

2. No more than two garage sales shall be permitted at any one location during a calendar year.

3. The first garage sale permit issued to any one person or for any one premises within one 12-month period shall be issued without charge. For the second such license issued in any 12-month period, there shall be a nonrefundable fee of \$5 as set by the Township.

(Ord. 1989-1, 6/12/1989, §2)

§13-103. Exemptions.

This Part shall not be applicable to:

A. Persons selling goods pursuant to an order of process of a court of competent jurisdiction.

B. Persons acting in accordance with their powers and duties as public officials.

C. Any person selling or advertising for sale an item or items of personal property which is specifically named or described in the advertisement and which separate items do not exceed nine in number. Notwithstanding any provisions of this Part, any person may sell up to nine secondhand articles without being subject to the provisions of this Part.

D. Any publisher of a newspaper, magazine or other publication or other communications media who publishes or broadcasts anything in good faith without

- A. The name of the applicant or applicants.
- B. The name of the owner of the property where the garage sale is to be conducted.
- C. The address of the location of the garage sale.
- D. The telephone number of the applicant.
- E. The signature of the applicant.
- F. The date the application is filed with the Township.
- G. The signature of property owners where advertising signs are to be placed or erected.

3. The permit shall be posted at a conspicuous spot on the permitted location during the operation of the garage sale.

(Ord. 1989-1, 6/12/1989, §6)

§13-107. Enforcement.

1. This local law shall be enforced by the Police Department. It shall be the duty of the Police Department to investigate any violation of this Part.

2. If after an investigation, a violation is found to exist, the Police Department shall prosecute a complaint before a District Justice pursuant to the provisions of this Part.

3. The person to whom the garage sale permit was issued and the person conducting the sale and the owner, tenant or occupant of the premises where the sale or activity is conducted shall be jointly or severally responsible for the maintenance of good order and decorum on the premises during the hours of such sale or activity.

A. No such person shall permit any loud or boisterous conduct on such premises or permit vehicles to impede the passage of the traffic on any roads or streets in the area of the premises where the sale is being conducted.

B. In the event of an emergency, all such persons shall obey reasonable orders from any member of the Police Department or the Fire Department in order to maintain the public health, safety and convenience.

(Ord. 1989-1, 6/12/1989, §7)

§13-108. Penalties.

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$300, and/or to imprisonment for a term not to exceed 30 days.

(Ord. 1989-1, 6/12/1989, §8)