

Sec. 6.05.001 Permit required; restrictions

Garage sale. Occasional sales on residential premises, not to exceed three in number on the same property in any one calendar year, provided that:

- (1) Garage sales may only occur after the city has issued a permit to conduct the sale. Permits will only be issued to individuals who are residents of the city. The permit to conduct the sale must be displayed on the premises the entire duration of the sale. The permit must contain the name and address of the person conducting the sale. The fee for such permit shall be as prescribed by the fee schedule located in [appendix A](#) of this code.
- (2) Merchandise is not acquired solely for the purpose of resale on the premises.
- (3) The duration of sale shall not exceed three consecutive calendar days.
- (4) Signage for which shall be in conformance with the requirements of one-time event signs in [article 26.02](#) "signs" of this code.

(2006 Code, sec. 22-401; Ordinance 07-11-740, sec. 2, adopted 11/19/07; Ordinance 19-06-1131, sec. 2, adopted 6/18/19)

Sec. 26.02.013 Special-purpose signs and one-time event signs in public right-of-way

- (a) Flags, emblems and insignia of a governmental entity are allowed.
- (b) Special-purpose temporary construction signs denoting the architect, engineer, contractor, subcontractor or financier and temporary signs denoting the future location of a particular business, retail center or institution are allowed one such construction sign and one such future location sign per street adjacent to the construction site or future location site. No such sign shall exceed 32 square feet in area nor extend higher than 15 feet as measured from ground level; provided that such signs are located on the premises where the construction or location being advertised is or will be occurring. Such signs shall be removed upon issuance of a certificate of occupancy.
- (c) Special-purpose freestanding signs for the purpose of identifying the location of or direction to subdivisions or major homebuilder sites are allowed. Such signs shall be on-premises and shall not exceed 32 square feet in area, nor extend more than ten feet in height, or when located adjacent to a screening wall shall not extend more than 15 feet in height. A homebuilder with 25 lots or more qualifies as a major homebuilder. One such sign may be allowed for subdivisions, major homebuilders, sites or developments of 30 acres or less. One additional sign shall be allowed for each additional 30 acres. Permits for such signs may be granted for a maximum period of 12-month intervals, with such signs being removed upon 90 percent completion of the project. No such sign shall be located closer than 100 feet to a residential dwelling not within the subdivision.
- (d) Off-premises special-purpose freestanding directional signs for the purpose of identifying the location of or direction to a subdivision within a residential zoning district are allowed under the following conditions:
- (1) Such signs shall not advertise any site located outside the city limits;
 - (2) Such signs shall be located within a one-mile radius of the subdivision to which it pertains and shall not be located closer than 100 feet to a residential dwelling;
 - (3) Such signs shall not exceed 100 square feet in area, nor extend more than 15 feet in height;
 - (4) The maximum number of such signs shall not exceed one sign per 50 lots, or fraction thereof, nor a maximum of two signs per subdivision;
 - (5) No such off-premises special-purpose freestanding directional sign shall be erected closer than 100 feet from any other off-premises sign on the same side of the thoroughfare;
 - (6) Permits for such signs may be granted for maximum intervals of 12 months each with such signs being removed when 90 percent of the lots within the subdivision have been developed.
- (e) Wind devices, heavier-than-air inflatables, and similar special-purpose signs promoting a single-family subdivision or multifamily complex shall be allowed a maximum single use period not to exceed 15 days, with a minimum period between permits of 30 days and a maximum number of three permits per year for a given subdivision or complex.
- (f) Wind devices, heavier-than-air inflatables, and similar special-purpose signs promoting a retail or commercial establishment or center shall be allowed a maximum single use period not to exceed seven days with a minimum period between permits of 15 days and a maximum number of three permits per year for a given establishment or center.
- (g) Signs that advertise sales, specials, grand openings, or other goods or services available within an establishment may be placed in windows using water soluble paint, appliques or other temporary and removable means provided that no such window sign may:
- (1) Be located on the window surface in any manner that obscures more than 25 percent of the visible window area available in the absence of any signs; and
 - (2) Remain in place more than 30 days in any six-month period.
- (h) One-time event signs in public right-of-way:
- (1) A permit is required for display of all one-time event signs within any public right-ofway within the city. Permits for one-time event signs must comply with the following:
 - (A) Permits are good for a six-month period, beginning on January 1st each calendar year and ending on June 30th the same year or beginning on July 1st and ending on December 31st of the same year.

(B) Temporary one-time event sign permits are valid for three (3) days from the date of issuance. Five (5) temporary one-time event sign permits shall be provided at no cost to recipients of garage sale permits, valid for the same time period as the garage sale permit is valid. Temporary one-time event sign permits are only provided in conjunction with other permits issued by the city as provided by the Murphy Code of Ordinances.

(C) No person shall be issued more than five (5) permits during one six-month period.

(D) Each sign displayed under this section must have an individually-issued permit affixed to it the entire time for which the sign is displayed.

(E) A sign for which a permit is issued under this subsection may be displayed more than once, in accordance with this subsection, for each one-time event that the sign advertises during the six-month period for which the permit is valid. A new permit is not needed to reuse a sign that has a valid and current permit affixed to it.

(F) Permits are non-transferable.

(2) One-time event signs may be displayed within any public right-of-way between 5:00 p.m. Friday and 8:00 a.m. Monday. Such are prohibited in any public right-of-way at all other times.

(3) Signs shall not exceed four (4) square feet in area or three (3) feet in height.

(4) One-time event signs may not be displayed prior to forty-eight hours (48) of the start of the one-time event and must be removed within twenty-four (24) hours of the conclusion of the event.

(5) Signs shall not block a sidewalk, and cannot be mounted on utility poles, fences or any other permanent object found in a right-of-way.

(6) Signs mounted on skids, trailers or wheels, and signs with moving parts are prohibited.

(7) Signs may not be located in a center median and may not obstruct visibility at intersections or along the roadway.

(8) Any person who erects a sign in violation of this article; any person who is in care or control of private property for which a sign is placed in violation of this article; or any company or person that receives a benefit from a sign posted in violation of this article may be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor each day the sign remains in violation of this article.

(9) In addition to the issuance of citations, any sign posted in violation of this section may be impounded by the city. Signs may be claimed from city hall upon payment of a one-time administrative fee, in the amount prescribed by the fee schedule located in [appendix A](#) of this code. Any sign not claimed within seven days of impoundment will be discarded.

(2006 Code, sec. 28-11; Ordinance 09-05-797, sec. 2 (art. II, sec. 11), adopted 5/18/09; Ordinance 13-02-947, sec. 5, adopted 2/19/13; Ordinance 19-06-1131, sec. 4, adopted 6/18/19)