GARAGE SALES - YARD SALES - PORCH SALES

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**DEFINITION:** Section 154.005 of the City of Piqua Codified Ordinances defines Garage Sale, Yard Sale, and Porch Sale as a temporary accessory use of a lot or premises for the sale of new or used goods and/or secondhand materials.

**STANDARDS:** Garage Sales, Yard Sales, or Porch Sales may be permitted as a temporary use subject to the following regulations.

- **Number of Sales** - No more than four (4) sales may occur at the same lot or location during any twelve (12) month period.
- **Frequency of Sales** - A period of at least six (6) weeks must pass before another sale may occur at the same lot or location.
- **Duration of Sales** - No sales event may last for more than three (3) consecutive days.
- **Hours of Sales** - Sales may be conducted only between the hours of 8am and 8pm.
- **Location of Sale** – The placement of the sales items should be limited to that area behind the average building line established by the face of the porch on the house at the sale location and the adjacent properties.
- **Number of Signs** – No more than one (1) sign per one-hundred (100) feet of property frontage may be displayed on a single lot.
- **Size/Height of Signs** – Each sale sign may be up to six (6) square feet in area and up to four (4) feet in height.
- **Location of Signs** - Signs advertising a sale may be located on any lot (provided the owner of the lot approves of the placement of the sign) and the sign is setback at least two (2) feet from the front lot line. The front lot line is approximately equal to the back of the public sidewalk.
- **Permit Requirement** - There is no plan review or permit requirement for a Garage Sale, Yard Sale, or Porch Sale.
When one chooses to live in an urban environment they also choose to be a part of a larger community. By way of the established culture of that community, there are certain social behaviors or practices deemed acceptable or unacceptable by the community members. While the actions associated with these behaviors or practices often fall well beyond the realm of the adopted community standards, these actions can have a significant impact on the quality of life enjoyed by a particular neighborhood or the community at large. With this in mind, the following “common courtesy” reminders are provided in the spirit of being a Good Neighbor.

A GOOD NEIGHBOR...

...always lets the neighbors know when he/she is planning to host a Garage Sale, Yard Sale, or Porch Sale event and invites them to participate in the sale.

...always coordinates his/her sale dates with the neighbors so as to avoid any conflict with “big plans” for a graduation party or other special event that may require the availability of all of the nearby public parking spaces.

...always respects their neighbors by not opening or ending the sales event earlier or later than what is permissible or allowing the sales event to become excessively noisy.

...never allows the sales event “customers” to park in, or otherwise obstruct, the entrance to the neighbor’s driveway.

...never places a sign in the area between the curb and sidewalk, or behind the public walk on private property near a driveway, or anywhere else where the sign may become an obstruction to the sight lines of motorist and create a public safety hazard.

...never places a sign on a utility pole or on a tree or in any other location that may be offensive or unsightly and become a nuisance to the public.