Garage Sale Signs: Common Questions

Where can I place my garage sale signs?

Garage sale signs may be placed on the property where the garage sale is located, for no longer than 7 days.

Garage sale signs may also be placed at another location to direct people to the garage sale, as long as they are no larger than 6 square feet, located on private property only with the permission of the owner, and are taken down within twenty-four hours of the event (BGMC 17.139.120.G).

Do I need a permit?

No, garage sale signs do not require a permit (BGMC 17.139.120).

How many signs can I have and what are the size requirements?

There is no limit on the number of signs.

Up to 50 square-feet of maximum sign area is authorized on site.

For off-site directional signs, no larger than 6 square-feet per sign (BGMC 17.139.120.G).

Where are garage sale signs prohibited?

Any sign placed in the right-of-way is prohibited. This includes streets, street medians, sidewalks, landscaping strips, the extra space behind sidewalks for underground utilities or utility poles (BGMC 17.139-1.).

Signs attached to utility poles, public traffic signs, trees, benches, fences, rocks, or other natural features, are also prohibited (BGMC 17.139.075).

What happens to illegal signs if they are pulled?

Confiscated signs are discarded and may not be retrieved.

I have a concern or question regarding sign regulations and/or how the sign code is being administered.

The City Council is responsible for making or changing the laws governing signs, or establishing general policy surrounding signs.

City staff is in charge of administering the City’s adopted laws. If you have a question or concern regarding sign regulations, or how they are being administered, please direct them to Emily Lutz, Planning Supervisor, via email: emily.lutz@cityofbg.org or by phone at (360) 342-5081. Please detail your questions or concern, and contact information. Staff will document your comments, and direct you on what course of action is available. May 6, 2019, EL