

garage sale businesses and streamline the tracking and enforcement process for garage sales. After further consideration, staff recommends that garage sales be limited to specific calendar dates throughout the year in lieu of requiring the issuance of a permit. This method would not create additional permitting or regulatory requirements, in line with Business Ready Riverside initiatives, allow City staff to most easily identify those sales that are in violation without stopping and checking for permits or issuing permits in the field, not create the need to develop any permit tracking systems or impact staff resources, and limit the window of opportunity for illegal “commercial” garage sale operators to conduct their businesses in Riverside.

Committee Members asked that staff give additional consideration to the proposed allowable weekends and time restrictions for garage sales. Staff recommends that garage sales be permitted on the first full weekend of odd numbered months and that sale times be restricted to 7 A.M – 5 P.M. This would allow an early enough start time customary to garage sales, but not be too early so as to disturb the peace and quiet of the neighborhood. The 5 P.M. limitation also allows enough time during the day for a sale to be conducted, while ensuring that the sales are not conducted into the evening hours, maximizing neighborhood peace and safety.

Staff recommends the following amendments to Riverside Municipal Code Chapter 5.49 - Garage Sales

- Designate six days per calendar year that garage sales are permitted - the first full weekend of each odd numbered month (January, March, May, July, September, and November)
- Define “Estate Sales” to be limited to qualified and licensed professional estate sale companies with City Business Licenses.
- Limit permitted garage sale days to Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays between the hours of 7 A.M. and 5 P.M.
- Limits garage sales to occupants, owners or tenants of that property.
- Define personal property as the acceptable merchandise for a garage sale and prohibit the sale of new or merchandise that was acquired for resale or consignment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no General Fund impact associated with this report.

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Attachment: Proposed Amendment to RMC Chapter 5.49 – Garage Sales