

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING THE CITY OF RIO VISTA GARAGE SALE ORDINANCE**

### **Do I need a permit for a garage sale and if so how do I obtain one?**

The City of Rio Vista requires an application and payment of a permit fee in the amount of \$5.00 for garage sales. The City Secretary or the City Secretary's designee shall accept both the Application and the Permit Fee at City Hall during regular business hours.

### **How many garage sales are permitted per year?**

No more than 3 permits may be issued for any residence or business address each year.

### **How many days may a permit holder conduct the garage sale?**

A garage sale under a permit may last no longer than 3 consecutive days between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

### **How many signs are allowed to be posted and what size may the signs be?**

No more than 4 signs (15" X 22") shall be allowed for each permit issued.

- No more than 1 sign shall be posted on-site at the residential property where the sale will be conducted
- No more than 3 additional off-site signs (15" X 22") shall be posted on privately owned, developed, occupied property, subject to permission of the property owner.
- On-premise and Off-Premises signs may be posted 24 hours before the sale, and must be taken down before midnight on the last day of the sale.
- Signs cannot be placed on utility poles or on any state rights of way and may not be closer than 10 feet to the street pavement. Signs cannot be placed on vehicles.

### **What are the penalties for violating the Garage Sale Ordinance?**

Any sign in violation of the regulations is subject to removal by City ordinance, and the related sale holder will be cited, and possibly fined in accordance with these regulations. Fines for violating the Ordinance begin at \$25.00 with progressive sanctions up to and including criminal and civil penalties for each violation.

### **Who is responsible for enforcing the garage sale ordinance?**

The Chief of Police or his designee is responsible for enforcing the ordinance.