Yard Sale Ordinance Update

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Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission

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Yard Sales in the Past
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Yard Sales Today
Unpermitted Yard Sale
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Yard Sale Signage
Yard Sale Supplier
L.A.C.C., Title 22, 22.20.065 – Sale of personal property (Condensed)

A. Merchandise shall be limited to personal property owned by the resident or other participating person

B. One on-site sign not exceeding four square feet may be placed facing each street

C. A maximum of two yard sales, each not exceeding three days, may be conducted in any 12-month period

D. Yard sales shall not be conducted after 6:00 p.m. and before 7:00 a.m.

From 2008 to 2014, Zoning Enforcement had 407 yard sale cases in the County unincorporated areas
Purpose of Ordinance Update

2013 Board Motion called for enhanced codes, tools

An ordinance amending Title 22 – Planning and Zoning of the Los Angeles County Code relating to the sale of personal property at a yard sale, garage sale, moving sale or similar event at a residence.

This ordinance amendment establishes comprehensive and reasonable standards for conducting yard sales on private properties in the unincorporated areas.
Properties Permitted

• Calendar year system to monitor yard sale activity
• Yard sales permitted as accessory and temporary use
• **Standards apply to any private property with one or more dwelling units, in any zone**
• Property must have currently occupied dwelling unit(s)
• Each dwelling unit is permitted to conduct yard sales
Weekends Only Now

Designated weekends
• One monthly designated weekend to conduct yard sales
• Increases yard sales from 2 to 12 per calendar year
• Yard sales are by-right on designated weekends

Non-designated weekends
• Up to two non-designated weekends to conduct additional yard sales
• Affords flexibility for buyers and sellers
• Establish registration system for non-designated weekends

Yard sales are prohibited Monday - Friday
Operational Standards

- Permitted hours: 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- Property owner or tenant may conduct yard sale
- Allowed items: secondhand, household, incidental personal property of owner or tenant
- Prohibited items: retail merchandise, new, unused, pre-packaged goods, distributor packaged items, food and beverages
- Items permitted in front and side yards only
- Items prohibited in public right of way
- Up to two temporary advertising signs permitted on-site
- Signs must be removed at end of yard sale
- Signs prohibited in public right of way
Enforcement Procedures

• Final Zoning Enforcement Order may be issued immediately
• Retroactive registration required for yard sale on non-designated weekend without prior approval
• One retroactive registration permitted in calendar year
• Noncompliance Fee may be assessed for failure to comply
• Zoning Enforcement retains discretion to issue warning, citation, field notice, Notice of Violation, civil and criminal remedies
• Consistent with Enforcement Procedures in Ch. 22.60

Enable effective enforcement to abate extended yard sales in the County
Benefits of Ordinance

• Balanced, fair, reasonable ordinance
• Strengthens enforcement, offers flexibility
• Effective tools for problem areas; little impact on communities without extended yard sales
Staff Recommendation

• Approve the Yard Sale Ordinance Update

• Find the project categorically exempt from CEQA review, Class 4 – Minor Alterations to Land

• Recommend to Board of Supervisors for consideration in public hearing