# 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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# Unpermitted Yard Sale

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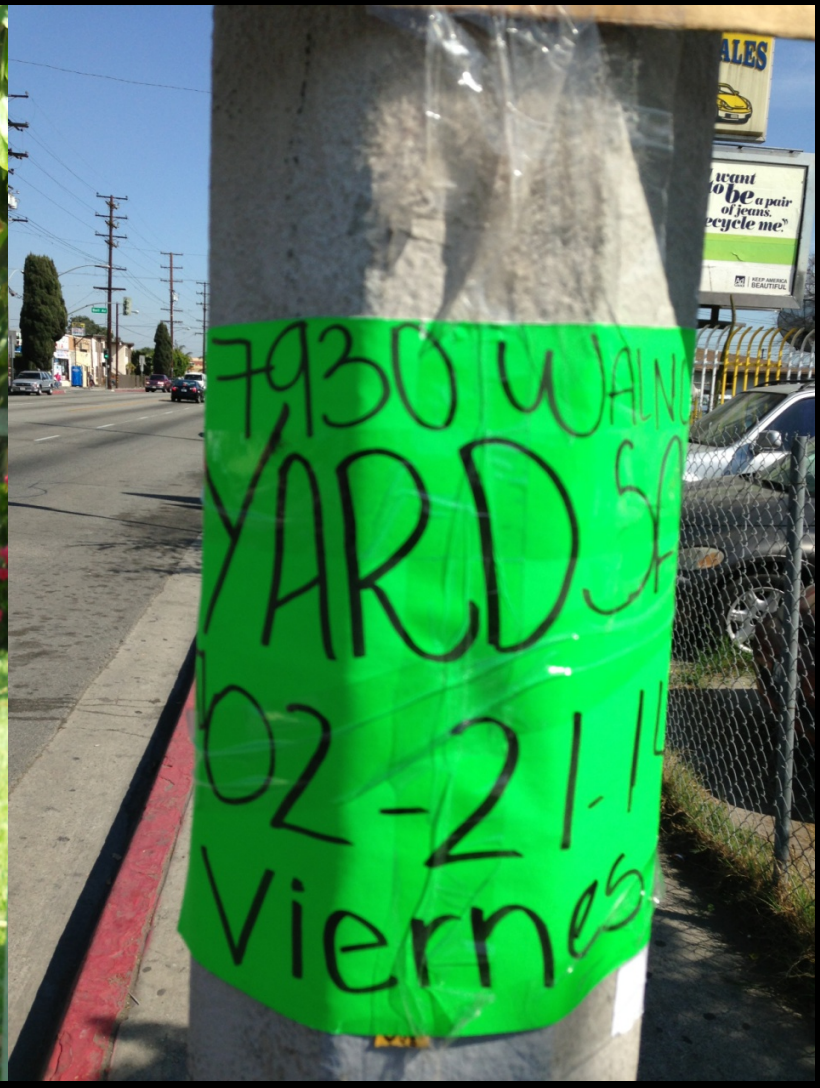
# Yard Sale Signage



# Yard Sale Supplier

# Current Yard Sale Code

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: 7:00a.m. and 6:00p.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