

# Department of Code Compliance

## Garage/Estate Sale Website Overview

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# Overview

- The City of Dallas will be launching a new garage/estate sale website the first week in April 2008
- It will give City of Dallas residents the opportunity to use the internet to create, search, locate, and post garage/estate sale information within the City

# Garage Sale Challenges

- The Department of Code Compliance responds to approximately 1,300 garage sale complaints annually
- A major contributor is illegal garage sale signs
  - Dallas City Code allows only one garage sale sign to be placed on the property where the sale is taking place
- There has been an increase in illegal garage sale signs as residents feel the need to advertise outside their properties

# Addressing Challenges

- Establish a garage/estate sale website to help reduce or eliminate various garage sale violations such as:
  - Illegally placed garage sale signs
  - Illegal garage sales (per ordinance, residents are restricted to only 2 garage sales in a 12 month period)
  - Illegal locations (per ordinance, sales must be inside the building or garage, or on the patio)
  - Litter resulting from illegal garage sales
- Establish an education campaign to provide residents who may not have access to a computer with written information on where and how to obtain answers to their questions

# Benefits and Advantages

- The website will allow City of Dallas residents to register and advertise garage sales for free - reducing the need to post multiple signs
- The website will allow anyone to find and print maps of registered garage sale locations within the City
- The website will provide education and information on the City ordinance regarding garage sales

# Benefits and Advantages

- The website will help ensure that residents do not exceed the number of allowed garage sales in a given year
- The website will allow the City to track garage sales across different districts
- The website will be integrated with the 311 online system to allow residents to report suspected garage sale violations

# Comments or Questions