

# 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 to give citizens the opportunity to use the internet to create, search, locate and post garage sale information within the City

# Garage Sale Challenges

- The Department of Code Compliance responds to approximately 1300 garage sale violations annually
- A major contributor to this problem is illegal garage sale signs
  - Dallas City Code requires that all garage sale signs be located on the property where the sale is being conducted
- There has been an increase in illegal garage sale signs as residents feel the need to advertise outside their properties

# Addressing Challenges

- Establishing a new garage/estate sale website will help reduce or eliminate various garage sale violations such as:
  - Illegally placed garage sale signs
  - Illegal garage sales (as per the ordinance, residents are restricted to only 2 garage sales in a 12 month period)
  - Garage sales in illegal locations (as per the ordinance, sales are limited to garage, porch or 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 residents from the City of Dallas and outside cities to find and print maps of registered garage sale locations within the City
- The website will provide education and information on City ordinances 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