

*This brochure is designed to inform you whether or not a property is in compliance with the Indianapolis/Marion County Revised Code.*

## DID YOU KNOW?

1. **Revised Code.** You can view the entire Revised Code of the Consolidated City and County- Indianapolis/Marion online at [www.municode.com](http://www.municode.com).
2. **Vehicles.** The following are considered vehicles: cars, trucks, boats, motorcycles, RV's, mopeds, wave runners, etc.
3. **Merchandise.** Besides vehicles, general items are not permitted to be displayed for sale on residential or commercial property not specifically zoned for such activity.
4. **Towing.** Any vehicle towed from public or private property will be done at the owner's expense.
5. **Violations.** Violations can result in citations, a court appearance, and fines up to \$2,500.

**To report a violation or other neighborhood concern, contact:**

**MAYOR'S ACTION CENTER**

**327-4MAC (4622)  
[www.indy.gov/mac](http://www.indy.gov/mac)**

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## Department of Code Enforcement

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***contact us via:***

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***Indianapolis, IN 46225***

***Phone: (317) 327-8700***

### ***LOBBY HOURS:***

***Monday, Tuesday, Thursday***

***8 a.m. - 5 p.m.***

***Wednesday***

***Noon - 5 p.m.***

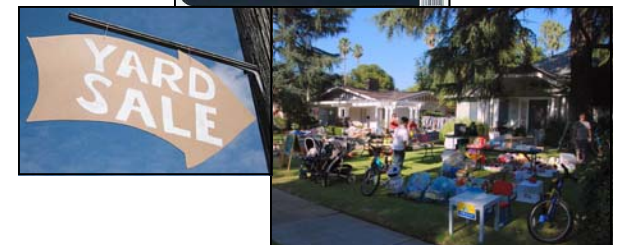
***Friday***

***9 a.m. - 5 p.m.***



Department of Code Enforcement  
**Indianapolis**  
Gregory A. Ballard, Mayor

## **NON-PERMITTED VEHICLE AND GARAGE/YARD SALES**



## DISPLAYING VEHICLES OR MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

### Sec. 730-505. CIVIL ZONING VIOLATIONS.

The outdoor storage or display of merchandise or goods in any zoning district, the provisions of which do not specifically permit such a use or in violation of zoning district development standards regulating such use is a zoning violation.

### Sec. 621-116. PARKING FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES.

- (a) **Displaying vehicles for sale.** No person shall park a vehicle on any street or alley in the city for the purpose of displaying it for sale.
- (b) **Using vehicle for advertising.** No person shall park a vehicle on any street or alley in the city for the primary purpose of displaying advertising of any nature.

### Sec. 734-202 PROHIBITED SIGNS.

- (i) **Portable signs.** No person shall park any vehicle or trailer or truck trailer on a public right-of-way, public property or on private property which is visible from a public right-of-way, which has attached thereto or located thereon any sign or advertising device for the basic purpose of providing advertisement of products or directing people to a business or activity.

## GARAGE/YARD SALES

### Sec. 987-202. LIMITATION ON NUMBER AND DURATION OF GARAGE SALES.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for a person to hold or allow to be held more than two (2) garage

sales at the same location during the same calendar year.

- (b) It shall be unlawful for a person to hold or allow to be held a garage sale with a duration of more than three (3) consecutive days.

### Sec. 987-203. RESTRICTIONS ON GARAGE SALES.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for a person to offer for sale, or to sell, at a garage sale any used, tangible personal property which previously was purchased for the purpose of resale.
  - (1) Within the travel portion of any street or alley, or upon any median thereof, while such street or alley is open to vehicular traffic; or
  - (2) Upon any public sidewalk or right-of-way in such a manner as to impede the flow of pedestrian traffic.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for a person to hold a garage sale:
  - (1) Within the travel portion of any street or alley, or upon any median thereof, while such street or alley is open to vehicular traffic; or
  - (2) Upon any public sidewalk or right-of-way in such a manner as to impede the flow of pedestrian traffic.
- (c) If a garage sale is advertised by the use of signs, the number, size, location, and duration of such signs shall comply with Sec. 734-201(d) of the Sign Regulations.

### Sec. 734-201(d) GARAGE SALE SIGNS.

Garage sale signs are permitted provided there shall be only one (1) sign, not exceeding six (6) square feet in total surface area and four (4) feet in height for each lot. Such sign shall be located on the lot having the sale and not on or within any public right-of-way. In the case of corner lots, one (1) additional sign is permitted on the other street frontage of the lot for a maximum of two (2) signs on the lot. Further, such sign(s) shall be permitted for no longer than two (2) days prior to the sale and be removed immediately after the sale is completed.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Q:** Can I park my own car on my own property with a "For Sale" sign in it?

**A:** No. Displaying a vehicle for sale is not allowed under the Revised Code.

**Q:** Can I park the car I have for sale on the street with paper in the window describing the car and providing a phone number?

**A:** No. That action is still considered displaying a vehicle for sale; you can receive tickets and/or your vehicle can be towed.

**Q:** Somebody once told me that I was allowed to sell two cars per year from my property. Is this true?

**A:** No. There is not a permitted number of vehicles that can be displayed for sale. That activity is not permitted under the Revised Code.

**Q:** If I have permission from an owner or manager, can I park my car and display it for sale in front of a grocery store?

**A:** No. The only place where vehicles are permitted to be displayed for sale is at an authorized and licensed car dealership. Some other common areas where this activity is not permitted include vacant commercial locations, strip malls, and vacant lots.