

# **GARAGE SALE CODE OF PRACTICE**

**Attachment to General Local Law No.1 - 2013**



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**HUME CITY COUNCIL GARAGE SALE CODE OF PRACTICE****1. PREAMBLE**

- 1.1 In adopting the Garage Sale Code of Practice, Council recognises that garage sale are an opportunity for residents and other organisations to benefit from such sales and stipulates that only second hand goods may be sold. This limitation is to ensure that garage sales do not become pseudo-shops which could compete unfairly with existing commercial centres and which may be prohibited under the Hume Planning Scheme.
- 1.2 This Code will ensure that garage sale signs do not proliferate and are on a scale, nature and number that do not adversely affect the visual amenity of the area.
- 1.3 This Code will determine how often garage sales can be held, when they can be held and how long they can last.

**2. OBJECTIVE**

- 2.1 The objective of this Code is to ensure the amenity of Council's municipal district is maintained.

**3. RELATIONSHIP WITH GENERAL LOCAL LAW NO.1 - 2013**

- 3.1 This Code has been incorporated by reference into the Council's General Local Law No.1 - 2013.
- 3.2 Clause 3.12.1 of that Local Law provides that:
- “An occupier of a residential property on which a garage sale is being conducted, and any organisation responsible for the conducting of a garage sale, must comply with Council's Garage Sale Code of Practice.”
- 3.3 The Code referred to in that clause is this Code.

**4. DEFINITIONS**

Any word or term defined in General Local Law No.1 – 2013 has the same meaning in this Code.

**5. LOCATION OF GARAGE SALES**

- 5.1 A garage sale must be held from private residential property, or if being conducted by an organisation (such as a school, a religious group or a community group), must be held on that organisation's property.

- 5.2 A garage sale must be contained to the property boundary and must not extend to the footpath or nature strip.

## 6. FREQUENCY OF GARAGE SALES

- 6.1 An occupier of a residential property, or an organisation responsible for conducting a garage sale, must not conduct or allow to be conducted more than two (2) garage sales from any one residential or other property within any one calendar year.

## 7. HOURS/LENGTH OF OPERATION OF GARAGE SALES

- 7.1 Garage sales cannot be held prior to 7.00am or after 7.00pm on any day.
- 7.2 Garage sales cannot be held for more than two (2) consecutive days.

## 8. GARAGE SALE ADVERTISING SIGNS

- 8.1 An occupier of a residential property, or an organisation responsible for conducting a garage sale, may erect a sign or signs advertising a garage sale at the garage sale's property location provided that the sign/s complies with the provisions set out below:
- 8.1.1 The sign/s must not be erected any earlier than 48 hours before the commencement of the garage sale.
  - 8.1.2 The sign/s must be removed prior to midday of the day immediately following the garage sale.
  - 8.1.3 The sign/s must not exceed 297mm x 420mm (A3).
  - 8.1.4 The sign/s must not contain any offensive language.
  - 8.1.5 The sign/s must not be attached to any Council infrastructure including Council buildings and/or street signs.
  - 8.1.6 The sign/s must not obstruct any footpath or walkway.
  - 8.1.7 The sign/s must not obstruct or obscure any street furniture or road sign.
  - 8.1.8 The sign/s must not be erected on roundabouts or median strips or impact on road safety in any manner.
  - 8.1.9 The sign/s must not be affixed to trees.
  - 8.1.10 The sign/s must comply with the VicRoads requirements for utility poles – that is, signs cannot be displayed on utility poles.
  - 8.1.11 No more than three (3) signs relating to a garage sale are to be displayed.

- 8.2 A compliant sign advertising a garage sale would be no larger than 297mm x 420mm (A3). It would be displayed on the nature strip in front of the property at which the sale was being held, and could also be displayed on private fences (including a fence at the property at which the sale was being held). If the sign was displayed on other fences (for example, on a fence at the end of the street in which the sale was being held), the fence owner's permission must be obtained prior to displaying the sign.