

Town of Rural Hall Yard Sale Ordinance

Section 1 Definitions

Personal Property - property which is owned, utilized and maintained by an individual or members of his or her residence and acquired in the normal course of living in or maintaining a residence. It does not include merchandise which was purchased for resale or obtained on consignment.

Yard Sale - all general sales, open to the public, conducted from or in a residential zone for the purpose of disposing of personal property including, but not limited to, all sales entitled "garage", "lawn", "yard", "attic", "porch", "room", "backyard", "patio", or "rummage" sale.

Section 2 Permit, Fees

No permit needs to be obtained or a fee paid to the Town of Rural Hall in order to host a yard sale.

Section 3 Signage

Signs advertising yard sales should not be displayed more than two (2) days prior to the day such sale is to commence. Signs must be removed at the close of the yard sale activities or by the end of daylight, whichever comes first.

Section 4 Frequency

Yard sales should be limited to three (3) consecutive days, and no more than two (2) such sales shall take place in any one calendar year per residential property. Upon showing of good cause (e.g., occupant moving), one (1) additional sale in a calendar year will be permitted.

Section 5 Public Nuisance

Individuals conducting yard sales shall be responsible for the prevention of any negative effects on neighboring properties and shall not create a traffic problem or inhibit the use of the road or street by public or emergency vehicles. All parking of vehicles shall be done in compliance with all applicable laws and ordinances. Further, the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office and/or North Carolina Highway Patrol may enforce such temporary controls to alleviate any special hazards and/or congestion created by any yard sale.

Section 6 Resale and Consignment Sales

No person shall sell personal property from residential premises if such personal property was acquired primarily for resale.

No one shall accept or take in for sale any goods from any commercial business, enterprise, or person on a consignment basis for sale in a yard sale.


Section 7 Persons Exempted

The provisions of this section shall not apply to or affect the following:

1. Persons selling goods pursuant to an order or process of a court of competent jurisdiction.
2. Persons acting in accordance with their powers and duties as public officials.
3. Any person or organization deemed exempted by the Town.

Adopted and effective this the 10th day of May, 2010.

ATTEST:



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Linda V. Booth, Town Clerk

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