

City of Colorado Springs

Tax Guide

Garage Sales

A garage sale is a temporary sale activity conducted by an individual or family at their personal residence. Any home-based sale activity conducted on an on-going basis is not considered a garage sale.

Garage sales are defined in the City Code, Section 7.3.105.A, and are limited to two (2) per household per year lasting no more than two (2) days in length per sale. Sales occurring at a personal residence more than twice a year or lasting more than two (2) days are not "garage sales" and are not allowed under City Code.

If the activity qualifies as a garage sale, the first \$300.00 of personal property sold during a calendar year is exempt from city sales tax. If anticipated sales are less than \$300.00, a city sales tax license is not required. Obtaining a city sales tax license does not authorize activities which are otherwise in violation of the City Zoning Code. Any person engaged in sales from their home must verify compliance with the Development Review Office.

CS CODE SECTION

2.7.104 Words and Phrases:
Garage Sale
2.7.102, 2.7.416, 2.7.501,
7.3.105, 7.4.409

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Licenses, Fees, and
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This guide provides an overview of specific subject matter and is not intended to be substituted for the full text within the City of Colorado Springs Tax Code.

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Common Examples

1. A Colorado Springs resident holds a garage sale at his house in May. He has not held another sale during the calendar year. He anticipates he will sell \$200.00 in merchandise. He is in compliance with the Zoning Code and does not need to file a city sales tax return since the sales did not exceed \$300.00.
2. The same resident decides to hold another garage sale later in the year. He anticipates his current sales combined with their sales earlier in the year will exceed \$300.00. He is required to collect city sales tax on the sales that exceed \$300.00. To comply with the City Zoning Code, the second sale may not last more than two days.
3. A City resident would like to sell used refurbished dishwashers from his home as a storefront. City Zoning Code does not allow a retail storefront business to operate within residential areas and a city retail licenses shall not be obtained.

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