



CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT
MEMORANDUM

To: DSD Associates
From: Roderick J. Sanchez, Director and Code Official
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INTERPRETATION NUMBER: CI2012-007

TITLE: Garage Sales in Multi-Family Residential Zones

CODE EDITION: City Code Chapter 16 – Licenses and Business Regulations – Article XII – Garage Sales

SECTION: Sec. 16-298 Maximum number of garage sales
Sec. 292 Definitions
Sec. 291 Purpose

QUESTION: Is the limitation on the number of garage sales allowed at an apartment complex “per property” or “per unit”?

ANSWER: The limitation on the number of garage sales at an apartment complex is “per property.” An apartment complex is limited to four (4) garage sales per calendar year (and only one per quarter).

Section 16-298 Maximum number of garage sales, states: “The [City] shall issue one (1) permit for each garage sale. **Each residence is allowed four (4) garage sales per calendar year** per location not to exceed one (1) garage sale per quarter.”

Section 16-292 Definitions, states: “As used in this article the following words and terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section... “Residence” shall mean any single-family structure or multifamily complex which may be owned, rented or leased.”

Section 16-291 Purpose states: “...this garage sale ordinance is designed to achieve the following goals:

1. To protect residential areas from the permanent encroachment of commercial uses;
2. To protect the aesthetic qualities of neighborhoods; and
3. To ensure the harmonious and orderly operation of garage sales in residential areas.”

Note that it is the responsibility of the owner of a multi-family residence to establish and enforce any rules more specific or stringent and not in violation of local, state or federal law.



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