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## Yard Sales and Extended Yard Sales (Zoning chapter 225-6)

By zoning definition 225-6:

### **YARD SALE**

Includes so-called garage sales, porch sales, tag sales and the like. Unless they occur on more than five consecutive days or for more than two weekends during the period May 1 through September 30, they shall not be considered to be used merchandise sales as defined in this chapter and shall not require a permit from the Code Enforcement Officer.

### **USED MERCHANDISE SALE (Extended Yard Sale)**

The indoor or outdoor sale of used articles, conducted for more than five consecutive days or for more than two weekends during the period May 1 through September 30. This term shall include **extended yard sales**, but shall not include flea markets or shops for secondhand clothing or secondhand books. Used merchandise sales shall require a permit from the Code Enforcement Officer, which shall be conditional upon the provision of adequate off-street parking.

Yard Sales and Extended Yard Sales are not allowed in areas of Town zoned; MUC-1, BP, I, BP2 and are a conditional use needing Zoning Board of Appeals approval in the LI zone. In the remaining areas of Town they are allowed. If the Yard Sale runs for more than five consecutive days *or* if it occurs more than two weekends within the period May 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>, a permit is required. In order for the permit to be approved, off-street parking is required as opposed to a typical Yard Sale where cars just stop on the street, potentially tying up traffic; there is no cost for this permit.

## Used Merchandise Sale (Extended Yard Sale) Permit

Property Address:

Tax Map:                      Lot:

Zone:

Property Use:

Property Owner:

Owners Address:

Owners Phone Number:

Applicant:

Applicant Address:

Applicant Phone Number:

- This (please circle one) **IS : IS NOT** a flea market; *note: if a flea market, the application will be denied*

Below or on a separate paper, draw a site plan of the lot showing the area to be used for the Yard Sale and specifically show the required off street parking areas. Example: If your site needs 10 spaces, simply show where 10 cars can enter, park together and leave the property safely.

- At least one parking space for every 250 square feet of Yard Sale display area is required
- Yard Sale display area; \_\_\_\_\_ square feet divided by 250 = \_\_\_\_\_ (total number of off street parking spaces required)

APPLICANT  
SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_