

TOWN OF AUBURN

Auburn General Bylaws Chapter VII

Section 5 – Yard Sales (5/10/76, 1/12/78)

It shall be unlawful for any person to conduct a so-called “yard sale” as defined in this By-law within the Town of Auburn without first obtaining a permit therefore from the Town Clerk.

A so-called “yard sale” is defined as the offering for sale, trade or exchange new or used goods, articles or wares at any residential location.

Not less than four days prior to the date of proposed sale, in all zoning districts, an applicant for a permit shall file with the Town Clerk a written application in triplicate, setting forth the name and address of the applicant and the location, date and time of the proposed so-called “yard sale”. Upon validation by the Town Clerk, the application becomes a permit. A copy will be retained by the Town Clerk; one copy will be sent to the Chief of Police, and one copy will be kept by the applicant to be posted on the premises during the sale.

At the time of filing of the application, each applicant shall pay a fee of \$1.00 to the Town of Auburn. The time of the so-called “yard sale” shall be limited Monday through Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

So-called “yard sale” shall be conducted at the same residential location no more than four (4) days in any calendar year.

Yard Sale Signs

Pursuant to Chapter XI Section 7.4 any sign advertising a yard sale shall only be placed at the property where the yard sale is being conducted. The area of the sign shall not exceed 2 sq ft in area. Any signs that are erected off premises on poles, trees, town property or other private property will be subject to a fine pursuant to Chapter XI section 10-1.3 non-criminal disposition outlined herein:

10.1.3 Non-Criminal Disposition (5/1/08)

1. The provisions of this Bylaw may also be enforced by the Building Inspector by way of the non-criminal disposition procedure provided in M.G.L. c. 40 §21D. The penalty shall be fifty dollars (\$50) for the first offense, one hundred dollars (\$100) for the second offense, and two hundred dollars (\$200) for the third and each subsequent offense. Each day on which a violation exists shall constitute a separate offense.