MEMORANDUM

TO: Matthew H. Greeson

FROM: Pam Fox

DATE: April 30, 2014

SUBJECT: Amendment to Garage Sale Code

Following the information we gathered and presented to City Council at the meeting of April 14th, and at the direction of Council, I have prepared an ordinance to amend our garage sale provisions to address off-premise signage and increase the permit fee. In addition, a change was made to eliminate the 7-day period for requesting a permit, based on input from the City Clerk.

The off-premise sign provision incorporates some of the discussion we had at the meeting about the right-of-way and posting signs on telephone and utility poles and street signs. Otherwise, it permits two off-premises signs and one on-premises sign, which may be erected the night before the first day of the sale, but which need to be removed immediately following. The permit fee is changed from two dollars to five dollars.

We also discussed placing notices of garage sales on the website, which is an issue that we will continue to work on. That can be done without a change in the code.

I have attached a comparison of the existing code provisions with these proposed provisions. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Comparison of current code language to proposed

§757.03

Application for such permits shall be submitted to the City Clerk and must be approved by the Director of Safety, or designee, prior to issuance after a fee of ~~two~~five dollars ($~~2~~5.00) is paid. Only one such permit shall be issued for a single address in any twelve-month period and shall be valid for not more than three consecutive days or two consecutive weekends of two days each.

§757.04

~~A sign~~Signs announcing the sale shall be limited to one on-premises sign and two off-premises signs. No signs shall be located in a public right-of-way. No signs may be affixed to street signs, utility poles, trees, fences, buildings or any other object. All signs may be erected ~~only on~~ the ~~premises at which~~night before the garage sale ~~is being conducted~~event and shall be ~~erected only for~~removed immediately at the ~~duration~~end of the sale. The sign or placard may be no larger than four square feet and must be without illumination, movement or illusion of movement.

§757.06

Application for such sale shall be made ~~at least seven days in advance of~~prior to the first day of the sale. No sale shall be conducted either in whole or in part after sunset.