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If you plan on hosting a garage sale inside the city limits of Burleson, you will no longer have to buy City-issued garage sale signs or pay a permit fee.

City council amended the Secondhand Goods ordinance Oct. 3. That amendment eliminates the fee requirements. Residents may still get a permit at city hall, but in the future, they will have the option of completing the paperwork online through the City website. The City will hand out the remainder of the City-issued garage sale signs until the signs are gone.

The change was made possible because the process for obtaining a garage sale permit has been streamlined. The fees for the permit and the signs had been necessary to recover part of the City's costs for administration and enforcement of the code.

The former ordinance required a permit to host a garage sale so that the number and duration of the sales could be tracked for compliance. That ordinance required a \$10 fee for the permit, that only City-issued signs be used, and charged \$2.50 for each additional sign (with a limit of two additional signs). The number of garage sales on a property was limited to two during the calendar year and each sale could not exceed three consecutive days.

A permit is still required to host a garage sale inside the city limits. Now, if you are hosting a garage sale, the sale sign can not be bigger than 15-inches by 22-inches (City-issued signs are 14-inches by 22-inches). The restriction on the number of garage sales and duration is still in place. That will be tracked for compliance.

Garage sale permits can be obtained through the permits office at Burleson City Hall, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. To see who is hosting a garage sale, go to the City website, www.burlesontx.com, Services, Garage Sales for a listing and a map.