

**CITY OF CHICAGO
DEPARTMENT OF STREETS AND SANITATION**

GARAGE, YARD AND APARTMENT SALES

THE PERMIT PROCESS

As of October 1, 1996, a permit is needed for all garage sales, yard sales, apartment sales and similar occasional sales of household goods that are conducted on residential property within the City of Chicago.

The action was taken by the Chicago City Council to eliminate the many sales operating week after week after week that actually were unlicensed retail operations, issued by the Department of Streets and Sanitation, these permits are free and must be displayed during the sale period. Each household is entitled to two permits each year, with a third sale authorized only if the occupants are moving permanently from their residence.

If more than one household is joining in a single sale, each household needs its own permit even if the sale is at the address of only one participating household.

The ordinance also prohibits any signs advertising these sales on light poles or other property except at the site of the sale itself.

These sales are limited to three consecutive days between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and sunset. In case of rain, the sale can be held during the next three days after the permit period, but is still limited to three total days.

Violators face fines ranging from \$50 to \$500, with each day representing a separate offense.

Charitable organizations, churches and schools are exempt from the ordinance.

To get your permit complete the attached application form and mail it at least two weeks prior to the starting date.

For more information, call 311.



City of Chicago
Mayor Brandon Johnson

OCCASIONAL SALES PERMIT APPLICATION

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PLEASE PRINT

Name _____ Ward _____

Address _____ Zip Code _____

You must show proof of residency (i.e. a current bill, tax record, etc.)

Home Phone () _____ Cell Phone () _____

Work Phone () _____

Date(s) of sale (up to 3 consecutive days) _____

Number of sales, if any, at the above address within this calendar year
If you have held two Occasional Sales within this calendar year, you may have a third sale
at the same property only if you are moving within six months of the date of the sale.
(See affidavit below)

According to ordinance 10-8-320, you may not advertise your sale by posting signs or
any other material (flags, banners, etc.) on any city property (i.e. light poles, traffic
signals, bus stops, etc.) including string banners between light poles. You are entitled to
post signs on your own property only.

By signing this application, I affirm that the above information is correct, and that the
items to be sold at the sale consist only of pre-used personal items and not new or stolen
goods.

Signature Date

Please indicate how you wish to receive your permit:

fax to Aldermanic office* fax to applicant (fax # () _____)

hold at my ward sanitation office for me to pick up*

**Aldermanic and Sanitation office hours vary; call for schedule.*

NOTE: For multi-family sales, each participating household/occupant must submit an
application.

NOTE: A determination on applications received with less than 48 hours notice cannot be
guaranteed.

NOTE: If you are moving within six months of the date of the sale, you must either
provide proof of your impending move (e.g., executed sales contract or lease on a new
property; eviction notice) or complete the affidavit below. If completing this affidavit, you
must have your signature notarized.

Affidavit for Third Sale

I, _____, owner/resident (circle one) of the
(Print your name)

property located at: _____
(Print your address)

Chicago, Illinois, do swear under oath that I am moving from this property to another
location within six months of the date of the occasional sale applied for herein.

Signature

Notary Public:
Signed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20_____

Signature

Permit Number _____

Proof of residency on file

Proof/affidavit of move on file

Date permit approved: _____

Date permit issued: _____

Faxed to applicant

Held for pick-up

Faxed to Aldermanic office

Date permit denied: _____

Reason:

No proof of residency

Two sales in one year/no move

No proof/affidavit of move

Other: _____

Permit Expiration Date: _____
(permit expires at sunset)

Authorized by: _____

**Complete fully, sign, enclose
proof of residency
(photocopies are
acceptable), and mail or fax
to your Alderman's office.**

**To obtain your ward
aldermanic office address or
fax number, call 311**

**Application available online at:
www.chicago.gov/dss**



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