

**Village Of Lawrence**

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**GARAGE/ YARD SALE PERMIT**

*Seller name:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Sale address:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Sellers phone:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Sale date:* \_\_\_\_\_ THRU \_\_\_\_\_

*Issued by:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Date of Issue:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Please review attached sale regulations regarding sale .*

Please Check Permit #	Sale Permit	Amount Paid	Payment Type
	1 <sup>st</sup>	Free	N/A
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Free	N/A
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$5.00	Cash /Check # _____
	4 <sup>th</sup>	\$7.50	Cash /Check # _____

A valid Village of Lawrence sale permit must be posted within view during the sale for review at all times during the sale.

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## ARTICLE II. - GARAGE SALES

### Sec. 20-19. - Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Garage sale, attic sale or lawn sale means any sale of tangible personal property not otherwise regulated in the village and not falling within the exceptions of this article, advertised in such manner that the public at large is or can be made aware of such sale.

Goods means any goods, warehouse merchandise or other property capable of being the object of sale regulated hereunder, including the sale of previously owned vehicles.

Person, as used in this article, means and includes all individuals living within the same household, firms, corporation or organizations.

### Sec. 20-20. - License required.

A license issued by the village clerk shall be obtained by any person before selling or offering to sell any goods at a sale to be advertised or held out by any means to be one of the types of sales enumerated in section 20-19 and not falling within the exceptions of section 20-24.

### Sec. 20-21. - Application for license.

An application for a license for any of the sales regulated hereunder shall be made at the office of the village clerk on a form to be provided thereof, which application shall contain the following information:

- (1) Name of the person conducting said sale.
- (2) Location at which said sale is to be conducted and the date and nature of any prior sales conducted at the same location.
- (3) The dates during which said sale is to be conducted within the time limits hereinafter prescribed.
- (4) Date, nature and location of any past sale conducted by applicant.

### Sec. 20-22. - License fees.

No license fee shall be paid to the village at the time of the first and second application for a sale at a location by a particular applicant made in any 12-month period. The fee for the third or fourth such application in a 12-month period is as currently established or as hereafter adopted by resolution of the village council from time to time. No more than four sales as regulated hereunder shall be held at a particular location by an individual, firm, group, corporation, association, or organization during any 12-month period, and not falling within the exceptions in section 20-24.

### Sec. 20-23. - Conditions of license.

- (a) No person shall conduct, advertise, or promote any sale regulated by this article without a license issued as prescribed herein.
- (b) All garage or rummage sales shall not be held within the right-of-way of the road of the premises covered in the permit. There shall be no overnight outside storage of the goods or merchandise held for the purchase in said garage sale.
- (c) Village residents only may place signs announcing garage sales at the end of streets in the public right-of-way. Such signs can be placed no sooner than 24 hours prior to the sale and must be removed within 24 hours at the end of the sale. Signs can be no larger than six square feet. The top of the sign may be no higher than three feet off of the ground, so as not to obstruct the view of traffic in any direction. Residents must have their address and telephone number on the sign.

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- (d) No license shall be issued authorizing any such sale to be conducted for a period longer than three consecutive days.
- (e) The license authorizing such sale shall be displayed in the front window or other prominent place clearly visible from the street, at the location where sale is being conducted.

### Sec. 20-24. - Persons and sales excepted.

Exemptions for persons and sales are as follows:

- (1) Persons selling goods pursuant to an order of a court of competent jurisdiction.
- (2) Persons acting in accordance with their powers and duties as public officials.
- (3) Any person selling or advertising for sale an item or items of personal property which are specifically named or described in the advertisement and which separate items do not exceed ten in number.
- (4) Any publisher of a newspaper, magazine or other publication or other communication media which publishes or broadcasts in good faith without knowledge of its false deceptive or misleading character or without the knowledge that the provisions of the village have not been complied with.
- (5) Any sale regulated under any other provisions of this Code.
- (6) Any sale conducted by any merchant or mercantile or other business establishment from or at a place of business wherein such sale would be permitted by the zoning regulations of the village or under the protection of the presently nonconforming section thereof, or any sale conducted by a manufacturer, dealer, or vendor and which sale would be conducted from properly zoned premises and not otherwise prohibited in this Code.
- (7) Any bona fide charitable, religious, educational, cultural, or governmental institution or organization; provided, however, that the burden of establishing the exemption under this subsection shall be on the organization or institution claiming such exemption.

### Sec. 20-25. - Penalties.

Any person violating any of the provisions of this article shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction.