



Information and Guidance Regarding the Conduct of Garage Sales

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak in El Paso and the rest of Texas, strict regulations from Governor Abbott, County Judge Samaniego and Health Authority, Dr. Ocaranza are in effect and the City of San Elizario has applied these requirements to the conduct of garage sales by Ordinance No. 2007.01.04. Violations of the orders, regulations and city ordinance are a Class C misdemeanor punishable by fines of up to \$500 and in some cases, up to \$1,000.

The City of San Elizario wants everyone to remain as safe as possible and compliance with these regulations and the City's ordinances will help to protect our community. We ask for everyone's continued patience and cooperation with these important health and safety measures.

The following rules and procedures apply to the conduct of garage sales:

- All requirements as set forth in the Garage Sale Ordinance, No. 1617.01
- All requirements under Section 4 of Ordinance No. 2007.01.04. Applications will only be accepted during the times that City Hall is open for business or in such other time or manner as provided for by the Mayor or City Administrator.
 - Please contact City Hall at 915-974-7037 to determine if and when garage sale permits will be issued.
- As part of the application for a permit to obtain a garage sale you will need to provide written documentation as required by the Mayor or City Administrator to show how you will comply with COVID-19 regulations for the conduct of the garage sale. As of June 23, 2020, the following regulations apply. In the event that the Health Authority issues specific guidance on the conduct of garage sales, his regulations will apply.
 - You are required to hold the garage sale in the same manner as a business in the City and take all the same precautions for your visitors as are required of a business.
 - Written policy and procedure required: You must to create and implement a written policy and procedure for the conduct of the garage sale. This policy must require all persons, including yourself, volunteers and visitors, to have and wear a face covering, such as a homemade mask, scarf, bandana, or handkerchief. The policy shall also explain how social distancing requirements such that persons at the garage sale will maintain at least six feet of distancing from other individuals that are not part of a family group will be enforced. You must limit the number of attendees at the garage sale so that all persons/family groups can stay six feet apart. *You are required to submit a copy of this policy as part of the application.*
 - Diagram required: You must set up tables and other displays of the items for sale such that there is a minimum of six feet of separation from other tables and displays. You must establish walkways that are wide enough to provide ample way for people to walk in an organized manner in a single direction. *You are required to submit a drawing or other written explanation of how you will set up the garage sale area as part of the application.*
 - Any advertising for the garage sale must advise everyone to stay home if they are sick or do not feel well.
 - You may not allow any volunteer or visitor to enter your home during the garage sale—not even to use the restroom.
 - You must post a sign reminding guests to wear masks, maintain social distancing, and practice good hygiene and cleanliness.
 - You must post your written policy and procedure at the garage sale.

For further guidance on conducting your garage sale in a safe manner, please review the City of El Paso Health Authority Orders for Outdoor Mass Gatherings in El Paso City-County dated June 29, 2020.