

City of Seguin

Planning/Codes Department

Memorandum

Date: September 9, 2015
To: Mayor Keil and the Seguin City Council
From: Pamela Centeno
Director of Planning and Codes
RE: Amendments to the Code of Ordinances: Garage/Estate Sales and Licensed Estate Sales

Following a detailed discussion about garage and estate sales at the City Council meeting on August 18, 2015, staff is proposing the attached amendments to the Code of Ordinances. Based on the comments received by the elected officials and the public, staff is proposing to separate regular garage/estate sales from licensed estate sales. A licensed estate sale would require a business license from the City of Seguin and a valid sales tax permit. Separate signage and operational regulations have been drafted for licensed estate sales.

In order to ensure fairness for residents conducting small estate sales which do not require sales tax permits, staff is proposing to modify signage requirements for regular garage/estate sales as well. Licensed estate sale operators would be allowed up to six signs (four off-premises) while regular garage/estate sales would be allowed four signs (two off-premises.) Property owners wishing to conduct a larger estate sale would have the option of obtaining a sales tax permit and a business license in order to qualify for the licensed estate sale. This would allow them additional operating days and increased signage.

Staff is proposing other amendments to garage/estate sales as outlined in the attached ordinance. The current fee for a garage/estate sale permit is \$5.00. Staff is proposing the same fee for a licensed estate sale. An annual fee of \$50.00 is proposed for the business license.

Attached please find a copy of the Ordinance amendments being proposed. Staff recommends approval of these amendments.