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BOARDMAN YARD SALE SIGN RULES EXPLAINED

Yard sale season is in full swing and many Boardman residents have been putting out signs to advertise their event. The City of Boardman would like to remind the community that yard sale signs are not permitted on street signs, traffic signs or utility poles, leaving many to wonder what is allowable.

The majority of signage offenses involve yard sale signs that are placed on traffic signs. When a sign is found to be in violation, the Code Compliance Official Martin Martinez will contact the yard sale operator and notify them they need to remove their sign, he may also remove the sign at his discretion. Martinez encourages residents to instead place temporary signs on the ground or on their own lawn, adding some subdivisions have covenants which supersede what the city allows, so check with your homeowners association before displaying yard sale signs.

The city's sign ordinance prohibits signage from being affixed to city traffic and street signs or utility poles. Signs may not be placed at the Interstate on ramp or off ramp areas. The city's sign ordinance limits the number of signs to four signs per event as well as requiring all signs be removed within two hours after the event has ended. Martinez said "The sign ordinance ensures that temporary signs do not detract from the aesthetic qualities of our city." The ordinance also prohibits more than one sign per lot of land; a sign if there is already a temporary sign there; attaching balloons to the sign; signs closer than 10 feet from the edge of the road; and signs larger than 6 square feet. Violation of the city's sign ordinance could result in a \$100 fine.

Yard sale organizers should also keep in mind that before placing a sign, landowner permission is required. If you would like more information on the city's sign ordinance, contact Community Development Director, Barry Beyeler at bbeyeler@cityofboardman.com , or call him at 541-481-9252.

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