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**[HISTORY: Adopted by the Council of the City of Toronto 2006-05-25 by By-law No. 384-2006.<sup>1</sup> Amendments noted where applicable.]**

**§ 480-1. Definitions.**

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

**GARAGE SALE** - An offering for sale to the public of personal property held inside or outside of a building located in any residential zone, and includes, but is not limited to, all sales entitled "attic," "backyard," "boot," "driveway," "estate," "flea market," "garage," "lawn," "moving," "patio," "porch," "room," "rummage," "white elephant" or "yard" sales.

**RESIDENTIAL ZONE** - A residential zone as defined or designated in the applicable zoning by-law.

**§ 480-2. Frequency.**

- A. No more than two garage sales may be held in any year from a premises located in any residential zone.
- B. The limitation in Subsection A applies whether or not the sales are held or permitted to be held by one person, a combination of persons or a succession of persons.
- C. A garage sale shall not exceed two consecutive days.
- D. For the purposes of calculating the number of garage sales held in any year under Subsection A:
  - (1) A garage sale shall be counted as one garage sale, if it is conducted over a period of one day or parts of it or over two consecutive days or parts of them.

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<sup>1</sup> Editor's Note: This by-law was adopted under the authority of sections 128 and 130 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25.

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- (2) If a garage sale is conducted over a period of more than two consecutive days, then the number of garage sales shall be the quotient obtained by dividing the total number of consecutive days, or parts of them, on which the garage sale is conducted by two, rounded up to the nearest whole number.

**§ 480-3. Property restrictions.**

- A. No person shall sell personal property at a garage sale other than personal property that has actually been used on, about, or in connection with the residential premises or, in the case of a joint garage sale held with a neighbour, the residential premises of the neighbour.
- B. No person shall sell personal property at a garage sale that consists, either in whole or in part, of:
- (1) Personal property left at a garage sale on a consignment basis; or
- (2) Personal property acquired for the purpose of resale at the garage sale.

**§ 480-4. Offences.**

Any person who contravenes any provision of this chapter is guilty of an offence.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> Editor's Note: This section was passed under the authority of section 425 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25, and, under section 61 of the *Provincial Offences Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.33, a person convicted of an offence under this section is liable to a fine of not more than \$5,000.