

NEWS RELEASE

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**MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
411 NORTH 5TH ST
SHELTON, WA 98584**

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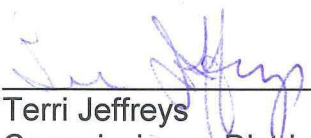
RE: Mason County Board of Commissioners Ask Residents for Opinion on Limiting Garage Sales

In response to a request to set a limit on the number of private yard and garage sales a resident may have, the Mason County Board of Commissioners have scheduled a public hearing to take citizen comment on the issue, Tuesday, June 25th at their evening Board of Commissioners meeting. The hearing is informational only. There is not a specific proposal before the Commission for action. The meeting starts at 6:00pm and the public hearing will begin no earlier than 6:30pm. The public is encouraged provide input on the subject.

Currently, County laws regulate private yard and garage sales indirectly in Chapter 5.08 – Junk Dealers, Secondhand Dealers and Pawnbrokers. Chapter 5.08.010 requires these types of businesses to obtain a \$35.00 license from the County plus a surety bond for \$1,000. Religious, charitable and nonprofit organizations are exempted. Also exempted are “home sales, yard sales, garage sales, etc., that are of no more than three days duration.” The de facto limitation on the duration of the sale does not limit the number of sales allowed per year.

Commissioners are asking the public to help them determine if a limit on the number of sales is warranted. The City of Shelton and Thurston County residents are limited to two sales per year.

If citizens cannot attend the meeting but would like to give their opinion, they may call the Commissioners at (360) 427-9670, ext. 419; or email by going to the County website www.co.mason.wa.us and clicking County Commissioner on the left side menu or they may write Commissioners at 411 N. 5th St. Shelton, WA 98584.



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