**RESOLUTION 2019 - 08**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, BEAVER COUNTY, A FIRST CLASS TOWNSHIP UNDER THE LAWS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ADOPTING AN EXCHANGE ZONE POLICY**

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Commissioners for the Township of Hopewell are desirous of providing Township residents with an "EXCHANGE ZONE" for the purpose of providing an area for residents to conduct private transactions from online marketplaces/internet purchases as well as child custody exchanges; and

**WHEREAS**, the Exchange Zone will be an area provided with videotape surveillance or recording; and

**WHEREAS**, the Exchange Zone will be located in the area of the Municipal and Police Parking Lot of the Municipal Complex located at 1700 Clark Blvd., Hopewell Township, Aliquippa, Pennsylvania.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Township of Hopewell as follows:

Section 1: There is hereby created an Exchange Zone at 1700 Clark Blvd., Hopewell Township which shall provide video surveillance or recording of private online marketplace/internet purchase transactions and child custody exchanges. The Exchange Zone shall be identified by signage indicating: "Internet Purchase & Child Custody Exchange Location – this area is under video surveillance/recording."

Section 2: Exchange of Certain Items Prohibited:
The private exchange of the following items will not be permitted:
A. Motor vehicles
B. Weapons
C. Illegal Contraband
D. Alcohol
E. Items that will not fit in a ten-foot-by-ten-foot parking space

Section 3: Responsibility and Liability of the Township
Township officials will not provide police personnel or Township staff to witness any transactions in person; however, the video surveillance or recording by and in proximity to police facilities and/or personnel is meant to provide a location to complete the transaction and to increase the public's peace of mind when engaging in such transactions with unfamiliar or emotional individuals within the Exchange Zone.

Section 4: No guarantees:
The Township of Hopewell makes no guarantees, assurances, or promises with respect to the condition or authenticity of any items exchanged between private parties. The Township of

Hopewell makes no guarantees, assurances, or promises as to the safety or security of any in-person transactions or custody exchanges that may take place in the Exchange Zone. The Township of Hopewell makes no guarantees, assurances, or promises as to availability of the Exchange Zone at any particular date or time. The Township of Hopewell is establishing this Exchange Zone to advance the public good; however, nothing in this Resolution is intended to, nor should this Resolution be interpreted in any way, to waive or release the Township's defenses or immunity from suit. In creating an Exchange Zone, the Township assumes no responsibility whatsoever. The Exchange Zone is created merely for the convenience of the publice.

Section 5: Safe Practices Encouraged
The Township encourages all persons to engage in such transactions in daylight hours only; to bring a cell phone along in case of an emergency; to notify friends and/or family of the intention to meet to conduct such a transaction; to never invite strangers to the home or agree to meet at a stranger's home; and to reconsider any transaction with someone who refuses to meet at the Municipal Complex.

Section 6: Purpose, Violations and Penalties
The purpose of this Resolution is to establish a location for the conduct of private transactions involving Township residents facilitated by online (or other marketplaces) and child custody exchanges.
Any violation of this Resolution regarding the proper use of the Exchange Zone shall be subject to revocation of the use of the Exchange Zone by the violator.

Section 7: Severability
If any paragraph or provision of this Resolution shall be adjudicated to be invalid or unenforceable, such determination shall not, to the extent severable, affect any other paragraph or provision of this Resolution, which shall otherwise remain in full force and effect.

Section 8: Repealer
All Resolutions and provisions thereof inconsistent or conflicting with the provisions of this Resolution be and the same hereby are repealed to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency.

Section 9: Effective Date
This Resolution shall become effective twenty (20) days after final adoption.

**RESOLVED AND ENACTED** this 13 day of MAY, 2019.

Attest:
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP

Hopewell Township Manager

Richard Bufalini, President
Hopewell Township Board of Commissioners

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