

**TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY**

ORDINANCE

No. **21-024**

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TITLE

ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, NEW JERSEY, PART II, GENERAL LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 373, SALES

Be It Ordained by the Council of the Township of Hamilton, in the County of Mercer and State of New Jersey, that the *Code of Ordinances of Hamilton Township, New Jersey, Part II, General Legislation, Chapter 373, Sales*, as amended and supplemented, be further amended and supplemented as follows:

Chapter 373

SALES

Article I. Sale of Items

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Article II. Seasonal Sales

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Article III. Internet Purchase Exchange Location

§ 373-13. Purpose.

The purpose of this section is to promote the general safety and welfare of the Township of Hamilton by establishing an Internet Purchase Exchange Location on municipal property in an effort to promote safer transactions regarding in-person sales and exchanges originating from the internet.

§ 373-14. Establishment.

A. The Township of Hamilton hereby establishes an Internet Purchase Exchange Location for conducting in-person private transactions that involve Township residents, which are facilitated through the internet, to be located on Township property subject to the following restrictions:

- (1) The sale or transfer of items shall be of legal items only.
- (2) Private exchange of motor vehicles and/or weapons shall not be permitted.

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- (3) The Township will not provide police personnel or staff to witness any transaction, but the proximity of video surveillance and police personnel is meant to increase the public's peace of mind when engaging in such transactions with unfamiliar individuals in the Internet Purchase Exchange Location.
- (4) The Township makes no guarantees, assurances or promises with respect to the conditions or authenticity of any items exchanged between private parties, or as to the safety or security of any in-person transactions that may take place on the Township property.
- (5) The Township makes no guarantees, assurances or promises as to the availability of the Internet Purchasing Exchange Location at any particular date or time.
- (6) The Township encourages all persons to bring a cell phone in case of an emergency, to notify friends and/or family of the intention to meet to conduct such a transaction, and to reconsider any transaction with someone who refuses to meet at the Internet Purchase Exchange Location.
- (7) Each use of the Internet Purchase Exchange Location is limited to 15 minutes per transaction.
- (8) Any individual in violation of this section shall be subject to general penalties established in § 1-2 of the Code of the Township of Hamilton.

§ 373-15. Designation of Internet Purchase Exchange Location.

- A. The Chief of the Hamilton Township Police Division shall designate one parking space adjacent to the Police Division's headquarters as the Township's Internet Purchase Exchange Location. Additionally, the area will be monitored 24 hours a day, seven days a week by surveillance cameras.
- B. The Chief of the Hamilton Township Police Division shall ensure that a sign is placed near the Internet Purchase Exchange Location to notify residents of the existence of same. The parking space shall also be painted with green lines to provide additional notification.

