

EXPLANATION: This Ordinance supplements and amends Chapter III entitled “General Police Regulations” of *The Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Warren* by adding Section 3-30 entitled “Internet Purchase Exchange Location.”

**TOWNSHIP OF WARREN
ORDINANCE NO. 17-26**

AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING CHAPTER III ENTITLED “GENERAL POLICE REGULATIONS” OF THE *REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN* BY ADDING SECTION 3-30 ENTITLED “INTERNET PURCHASE EXCHANGE LOCATION.”

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:48-2 empowers municipalities to “make, amend, repeal and enforce such other ordinances, regulations, rules and by-laws not contrary to the laws of New Jersey or of the United States, as it deems necessary and proper for the good government, order and protection of persons and property;” and

WHEREAS, in-person sales generated from the internet has become a prevalent method of exchange of goods; and

WHEREAS, such activities, while beneficial in many respects, raise concerns related to the safety of individuals buying and selling goods over the internet who exchange items in their homes; and

WHEREAS, in response to these concerns many municipalities have designated “Internet Purchase Exchange Locations” on municipal property where transactions regarding in-person sales and exchanges originating from the internet can occur; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of “Internet Purchase Exchange Locations” are viewed as a tool to prevent possible criminal activity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Warren, in the County of Somerset and State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. Section 3-30 entitled “Internet Purchase Exchange Locations” is hereby added as follows:

3-30 Internet Purchase Exchange Location

3-30.1 Purpose. The purpose of this section is to promote the general safety and welfare of the Township of Warren 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.

3-30.2 Establishment.

- a. The Township of Warren 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;
 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 fifteen (15) minutes per transaction.
 8. Any individual in violation of this section shall be subject to general penalties established in Section 3-21 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Warren.

3-30.3 Designation of Internet Purchase Exchange Location.

- a. The Chief of the Warren Township Police Department shall designate one parking space adjacent to the Police Department's headquarters as the Township's Internet Purchase Exchange Location. Additionally, the area will be monitored twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week by surveillance cameras.
- b. The Chief of the Warren Township Police Department 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.

Section 2. If any article, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance and they shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication according to law.

ATTEST:



Cathy Reese, RMC

TOWNSHIP OF WARREN

By: 

Carolann Garafola, Mayor

Note to Codifier: Deleted provisions indicated by brackets [].

New provision indicated in underline _____.

INTRODUCED: November 16, 2017

ADOPTED: December 14, 2017

EFFECTIVE: December 21, 2017

Robert H. Griffith