

**BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE**  
**RESOLUTION 15130**

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**CREATING A “SAFE ZONE” AT BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE  
POLICE DEPARTMENT, MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
FOR THE PUBLIC TO MEET FOR CRAIGSLIST  
AND OTHER INTERNET-BASED TRANSACTIONS**

WHEREAS, ensuring the safety and security of Borough residents is a critical concern for Hillsdale Borough’s Mayor, Council, and Chief of Police; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, in-person sales, transactions and exchanges originating from on-line marketplaces, such as Craigslist, have experienced an increase in violence and fraud; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to promote safer transactions between strangers, municipalities across the country have encouraged residents to use local police department parking lots and lobbies as a meeting place for the in-person transactions to occur; and

WHEREAS, at the recommendation of the Borough’s Police Chief, the Borough’s Council believes it to be in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the Borough’s residents to establish a “Safe Zone” in the Hillsdale Police Department’s parking lot and lobby to facilitate a safe and neutral location for making in-person transactions; and

WHEREAS, the parking lot outside of the Borough Municipal complex is well-lit and under 24 hour video surveillance and the lobby is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that:

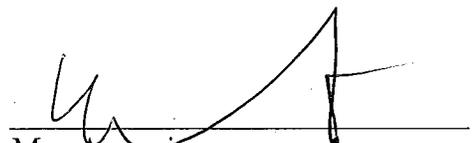
1. Effective immediately, the parking lot of the Hillsdale Borough Municipal Complex is open and available to the public as a “Safe Zone” for conducting in-person transactions that have been facilitated through online marketplaces such as Craigslist;
2. Effective immediately, the parking lot of the Hillsdale Borough Municipal Complex is open and available to the public as a “Safe Zone” from 8:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (holidays excepted) for conducting in-person transactions that have been facilitated through online marketplaces such as Craigslist;
3. The Borough of Hillsdale makes no guarantees, assurances, or promises as to the safety or security of any in-person transactions that may take place on Borough property;

4. It is not the intent of the Borough officials to provide police personnel or Borough staff to witness any transaction in person, but the video surveillance by and proximity to police personnel is meant to increase the public's peace of mind when engaging in such transactions with unfamiliar individuals at the Hillsdale Municipal Complex;
5. Borough officials encourage residents to engage in such transactions during 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; to reconsider any transaction with someone who refuses to meet at the police station/municipal complex.

Council member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain	Recuse
DeGise, Jason	x		x				
DeRosa, Anthony		x	x				
Loes, Chrisoula			x				
Meyerson, Lawrence			x				
Pizzella, Frank			x				
Ruocco, John			x				
Arnowitz, Max							

Adopted: June 9, 2015

Attest:   
 Susan Witkowski  
 Municipal Clerk

  
 Max Arnowitz  
 Mayor