“EXCHANGE ZONE”

The Sea Isle City Police Department has an “Exchange Zone” in front of City Hall at 233 JFK Boulevard, where residents and visitors can conduct legal transactions in a public setting that is easily accessible and in a public area. The Exchange Zone can be used when conducting internet business with strangers and during other person-to-person transactions, such as child custody exchanges.

Located along the curb, the two parking spaces that make up the Exchange Zone are very easy to identify – thanks to their bright green stripes and signage. There is no fee to use the Exchange Zone. While the Exchange Zone provides an area for online buyers and sellers to meet, it is important to remember that the people you encounter online are strangers and can be dangerous. When making arrangements to complete online transactions face-to-face, please remember the following safety guidelines:

- Complete all transactions during daylight hours, if possible.
- Bring a cell phone in case of emergency.
- Notify friends or family about the details of the exchange beforehand.
- Never invite strangers into your vehicle or home – or enter a stranger’s car or agree to meet at a stranger’s home.
- Reconsider any transaction with an individual who refuses to meet at a designated “Exchange Zone.”
- In the event of any emergency dial 911.

The Sea Isle City Police Department will not verify, monitor or facilitate private transactions that are conducted within the Exchange Zone. Any complaints regarding transactions occurring in the Exchange Zone should follow normal criminal or civil complaint procedures.

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