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HOUSTON, TX (May 8, 2020) –

The Brays Oaks Management District has established a “Safe Zone” location for e-commerce at the S. Gessner HPD Sub-Station and, in partnership with the Five Corners District, a “Safe Zone” location at the Southwest HPD Sub-Station.

The Brays Oaks District (BOMD) has established a Safe Zone location at the HPD S. Gessner Sub-Station and, in partnership with the Five Corners District (FCD), a Safe Zone location at the Southwest HPD Sub-Station where people can securely complete purchases of items they ordered on Craig's List and similar websites.

Using a Safe Zone to complete a purchase in a police facility helps buyers avoid falling victim to the kind of scams and robberies that have occasionally taken place around the country where buyers expected to complete a private transaction with an online seller.

The HPD Safe Zone is marked by signage near the entrance to the sub-station and provides a location where individuals can conduct e-commerce transactions using cash, checks, and money orders of similar means. “The location is in the view of the station’s video surveillance cameras. The BOMD, FCD and HPD are pleased to provide these locations as an option for the use of residents and businesses in the District” says Executive Director, Ben Brewer.

Brewer notes “that the Safe Zones are also just one of many innovative ideas that the BOMD District’s Public Safety Committee discusses on a regular basis at their monthly public safety meetings. “The committee members are always looking for ways to develop policies and programs to make our community safer and once they find them, they are going to do everything they can to make it happen, says Brewer.”

The S. Gessner Sub-station is located at 8605 Westplace Drive 77096. A graphic of the Safe Zone signage is attached to this release.

About the Brays Oaks Management District

Improving the quality of life in the Brays Oaks community is one of several focuses of the District. The Board of Directors follows a service assessment plan to meet the needs of the District. The plan focuses on four core areas including: business and economic development,

transportation planning, public safety, and visual and cultural improvements. For more information on the Brays Oaks District visit: www.BraysOaksMD.org.

e-Commerce SAFE ZONE



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