

# Limited Home Rule

## *It Won't Raise Your Taxes*

Become informed on this important issue!

Limited Home Rule gives the township NO MORE control than what Franklin County or the Ohio Revised Code already has in place. However Limited Home Rule DOES give the Trustees the authority to respond quicker to many of your problems and concerns within the township versus going through Franklin County.

### What Limited Home Rule DOES:

- Gives the Township increased ability to address quality of life issues that affect Township Residents.
- Allows our Trustees to create incentive programs to attract new businesses.
- Can be put back on the ballot after three years by residents or officials if it does not meet the needs or expectations.
- Limited Home Rule has NOT been rescinded by any Township after being voted in, including by our neighbors in Prairie and Jackson Twp.
- Allows our Trustees to pass local ordinances to help clean up and revitalize our community. Limited Home Rule will ultimately be decided on by Township residents, not elected officials.
- Limited Home Rule has been adopted by over 30 of the 175 Townships that meet the statutory requirements.
- NO INCREASE IN TAXES – Costs the township resident nothing – NO ADDITIONAL COST  
(ALL levies MUST BE voted on by you, the residents of Franklin Township.)
- Will enhance the ability of Franklin Township to promote economic development in both the Westland Mall area and throughout the township.
- Will INCREASE the safety of our neighborhoods and township.
- Will allow the township to respond to your concerns within a timely manner.
- Will help with public safety and nuisance properties.
- Will help with broader powers to regulate junk vehicles.
- Will help with the regulation of parking, noise control and abating of nuisances.
- Will help with the regulation of transient dealers and solicitors

### What Limited Home Rule DOES NOT DO:

- CANNOT create new laws which conflict with Ohio's general laws.
- CANNOT create new taxes except what is already authorized.
- CANNOT change or modify the structure of government.
- CANNOT impose fines other than already authorized by the ORC 504.
- CANNOT establish or revise building standards or building codes.
- CANNOT adopt regulations affecting the possession, use or sale of firearms.
- Does NOT give the Trustees the ability to invoke an income tax on residents or businesses without a vote of the residents.

With your help we can make Franklin Township a better place to live for many years to come!