**NOTICE OF ELECTION ON QUESTION OF ADOPTION OF TOWNSHIP LIMITED HOME RULE**

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to Resolution No. 2024-117 of the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, there will be submitted to a vote of the people of the unincorporated area of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio at the general election to be held November 5, 2024, the question of whether to adopt the limited home rule form of government in Franklin Township. If a majority of the electors voting on the question vote in the affirmative, the limited home rule form of government will be adopted in Franklin Township, effective January 1, 2025, immediately following the election. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 504.02(B)(1), the Board of Trustees is required to provide this Notice and the following description of the proposed limited home rule government:

**Description of the Proposed Limited Home Rule Government**

Under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 504, a township that has adopted the limited home rule form of government is permitted to exercise all powers of local self-government within the unincorporated area of the township. Such powers are exercised by means of resolutions of the board of township trustees, which are enforceable by means of civil fines. No civil fine may exceed $1,000 dollars. The resolutions must comply with all requirements and restrictions in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 504. Resolutions to exercise township powers of local self-government may not: (1) conflict with general law; (2) enact taxes other than those authorized by general law; (3) encroach on powers, duties and privileges of elected township officers; (4) change, alter, combine, eliminate or otherwise modify the form or structure of township government unless the change is required by Ohio Revised Code Chapter 504; (5) create a criminal offense or impose criminal penalties; (6) impose civil fines other than as authorized by Chapter 504; (7) establish or revise subdivision regulations, road construction standards, urban sediment rules, or storm water and drainage regulations, except as provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 504.21; (8) establish or revise building standards, building codes, and other standard codes, except as provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 504.13; (9) increase, decrease, or alter the powers and duties of a township under any provision of the Ohio Revised Code relating to agriculture or the conservation or development of natural resources; (10) establish regulations affecting hunting, trapping, fishing, or the possession, use, or sale of firearms; (11) establish or revise water or sewer regulations, except in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Sections 504.18, 504.19, or 504.21; or impose a fee, assessment or other charge on “auxiliary containers”, or on the sale, use, or consumption of such containers, or on the basis of receipts received from the sale of such containers. In case of conflict between a township resolution and a municipal ordinance, the ordinance prevails. In case of conflict between a township resolution and a county resolution, the township measure prevails. Under a limited home rule form of government, all officers shall have the qualifications, and be nominated, or appointed, as provided in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 505, except that the board of township trustees is required to appoint a qualified attorney as full-time or part-time law director, to act as the township's legal advisor in place of the county prosecutor. The township may contract with the county prosecutor to serve as law director. Also, the township must either establish a police district that includes all the unincorporated area of the township (but no other territory), or establish a joint township police district, or contract to obtain police services, including the enforcement of township regulations or appoint police constables to provide police protection. Other limited home rule provisions may be found in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 504.

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Steve Mazer, Township Administrator

The polls for the election will be open at 6:30 a.m. and remain open until 7:30 p.m. on election day.

By order of the Board of Elections,

of Franklin County, Ohio.

Doug Preisse, Chair

Antone White, Director