

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-24

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CONCORD TOWNSHIP ESTABLISHING A LIMITED HOME RULE GOVERNMENT FOR CONCORD TOWNSHIP, OHIO, IN ACCORDANCE WITH AND PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 504 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE.

WHEREAS, the Ohio General Assembly has established Chapter 504 of the Ohio Revised Code to provide Ohio Townships with an optional limited home rule government under which the a township exercises limited powers of self-government and limited police powers as authorized by Chapter 504; and

WHEREAS, Concord Township has a population in excess of fifteen thousand in its unincorporated territory, and would be called an “urban township” upon the adoption of the limited home rule form of government pursuant to Section 504.01 (B) of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, the Concord Township Board of Trustees, pursuant to Section 504.01(A) (3) of the Ohio Revised Code, conducted a public hearing on August 22, 2018, to consider adoption of the limited home rule form government; and

WHEREAS, the Trustees have determined that the establishment of a limited home rule government will benefit the residents of the Concord Township community and the administration and organization of the Concord Township government; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Concord Township Board of Trustees, Lake County, Ohio, as follows:

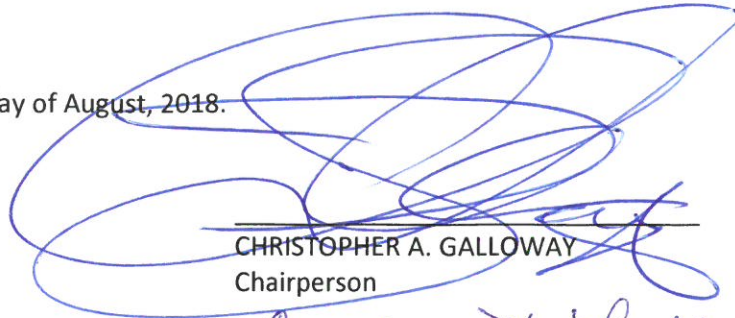
Section 1. That the Board of Trustees, pursuant to Section 504.01 (A) (3) (a) of the Ohio Revised Code, hereby establishes a limited home rule government and to be called an urban township, under which the Township exercises limited powers of local self-government and limited police powers as authorized by Chapter 504 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 2. This Resolution shall become effective thirty (30) days after the date of its adoption unless within that thirty (30) day period a petition is presented to the Board of Trustees that complies with Section 504.01 (A) (3) (a) of the Ohio Revised Code.

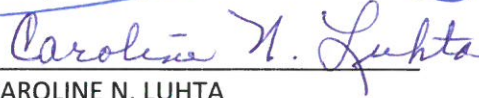
Section 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of the Board of Trustees of Concord Township concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of the Board of Trustees of Concord Township and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in those formal actions were in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval by the Board of Trustees and as further provided under Ohio law.


Adopted this 22nd day of August, 2018.



CHRISTOPHER A. GALLOWAY
Chairperson



CAROLINE N. LUHTA
Vice-Chairperson



PAUL R. MALCHESKY
Trustee

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned Amy L. Dawson, Fiscal Officer and Clerk of the Board of Trustees for Concord Township, Lake County, Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2018-24, is a true and accurate copy of the Resolution adopted by the Concord Township Board of Trustees at its meeting of August 22, 2018, and that I am duly authorized to execute this Certification.

Witness my hand this 22nd day of August, 2018, in Concord Township, Ohio.



AMY L. DAWSON, FISCAL OFFICER

Limited Home Rule

What is Limited Home Rule (LHR)?

House Bill 77 signed by then Governor George Voinovich on June 18, 1991 allowed Townships in the State of Ohio to adopt Limited Home Rule (LHR), following prescribed procedures, outlined in Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 504.01. LHR form of government gives broader powers to townships that enact it, and it allows a township and its citizens to be more proactive in creating legislation of benefit to those within the community. Limited home rule allows townships to enact resolutions to improve the health, safety and welfare of its citizens. The township may not exercise any power that conflicts with the general laws of the State.

Some of the Benefits of Limited Home Rule

- Limited home rule gives townships authority to hire an independent engineer to work on roadway projects in the township with the approval of the County Engineer.
- Authority in areas not previously permitted to legislate.
- More powerful and efficient means of enforcing resolutions, collecting fines, and penalties for infractions.
- Direct promotion of quality of life for residents.
- Improved residential, industrial, and business development within the township.

Types of Legislation Permissible Under Limited Home Rule

- Adopting property maintenance codes
- Instituting building, plumbing, electrical, refrigeration, machinery, piping, boiler, heating, air conditioning, fire, fire hazard, fire prevention codes (where county has not adopted such codes)
- Establishing speed limits on township roads
- Passing nuisance and public safety resolutions
- Broader powers to regulate junk vehicles
- Passing curfew restrictions for minors
- Instituting recycling measures
- Instituting emergency traffic/parking ordinances
- Broader powers to enforce zoning codes, and other resolutions
- Regulation of parking, noise control, abating nuisances
- Regulation of manufacturers, dealers, peddlers and amusements
- Regulation of transient dealers and solicitors
- Regulation of noxious weeds, brush and litter
- Broader power to deal with other political subdivisions