

LIMITED HOME RULE INFORMATION

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
- Regulation of public gatherings and concerts
- Regulation of parks and public facilities
- Impounding animals
- Regulation of street vendors
- Regulation of fences and signs
- Traffic and parking regulations
- Appropriate funds for community projects

Non-Permitted Legislation under Limited Home Rule

- No resolution may be in conflict with the general laws of the State; Limited home rule grants broad authorizations to townships to act legislatively, so long as the action does not conflict with Ohio law, specifically in Section 504 of the Ohio Revised Code
- **No tax other than as authorized under the general laws; A township-wide income tax cannot be imposed**
- May not encroach upon the powers, duties, and privileges of elected township officials
- May not modify the form or structure of the township government unless required by law
- May not create a criminal offense or impose criminal penalties
- May not impose civil fines other than as authorized
- May not establish or revise subdivision regulations, road construction standards, urban sediment rules, or storm water drainage regulation
- May not establish or revise building codes or standards or other standard codes except as authorized
- No ability to establish regulations that effect hunting, trapping, fishing, or the possession, use, or sale of firearms
- No power to establish or revise water or sewer regulations except as stated