

Resolution 2024-117

A Resolution Certifying to and Directing the Franklin County Board of Elections to the Electors of the Unincorporated Territory of Franklin Township the Question of Whether the Township Should Adopt a Limited Home Rule Government

The Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, met in person in a Special Meeting at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, August 2nd, 2024. The trustee marked below made a motion for the adoption of the following Resolution:

Leezer

Fleshman

Blevins

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 504.01(A)(2), allows a township board of trustees of a township with a population of at least five thousand but less than fifteen thousand in the unincorporated territory of the township, by a majority vote, to adopt a resolution to have the board of elections submit to the electors of the unincorporated area of the township the question of whether the township should adopt a limited home rule form of township government under which it would exercise limited powers of local self-government and limited police powers; and

WHEREAS, Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio (the "Township") has a population of at least five thousand but less than fifteen thousand people in the unincorporated areas of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Township (the "Board") believes the Township and residents may benefit from a local self-government form of township government such as limited home rule in several ways, including the ability to exercise all powers of local self-government within the unincorporated area of the Township and other powers that are not in conflict with the general laws of the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, having satisfied the population requirement in Ohio Revised Code 504.01(A)(2), the Board believes it is in the best interests of the Township and its residents to certify this Resolution to and direct the Franklin County Board of Elections to submit to the electors of the unincorporated territory of the Township, the question of whether Franklin Township should adopt a limited home rule form of government.

NOW THEREFORE, *the following trustee marked below seconded the motion:*

Leezer

Fleshman

Blevins

Section 1. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 504.01(A)(2), the Board hereby directs the Franklin County Board of Elections, to submit to the electors of the unincorporated areas of the Township at the general election on November 5, 2024, the question of whether the Township should adopt a limited home rule government.

Section 2. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 504.02(A), the Franklin County Board of Elections shall submit the question of whether to adopt a limited home rule government

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to the electors of the unincorporated area of the Township, and the ballot language shall be substantially as follows:

“Shall the township of Franklin adopt a limited home rule government, under which government the board of township trustees, by resolution, may exercise limited powers of local self-government and limited police powers?

.....For adoption of a limited home rule government

.....Against adoption of a limited home rule government”

Section 3. The Board hereby authorizes, empowers and directs, on behalf of the Board and the Township, the Township Fiscal Officer to certify this Resolution to the Franklin County Board of Elections not less than ninety (90) days before the November 5, 2024 general election upon which it will be voted and to further certify any related documents that may be requested by the Franklin County Board of Elections and to take such other actions as may be necessary or desirable in order to carry out the purpose of this Resolution.

Section 4. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 504.02(B)(2), the Board hereby directs the Franklin County Board of Elections to post the notice of the election and a description of the proposed limited home rule government on the Franklin County Board of Elections’ website for at least thirty (30) days before the election on this question

Section 5. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 504.02(B)(1), the Board hereby authorizes, empowers and directs, on behalf of the Board and the Township, the Township Fiscal Officer to, at least forty-five (45) days before the election on this question, to publish notice of the election and a description of the proposed limited home rule government in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township once a week for two consecutive weeks, and have the notice and description posted in five (5) conspicuous places in the unincorporated areas of the Township.

Section 6. The Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 7. This Resolution shall be declared an emergency and be in full force and effective immediately upon its adoption.

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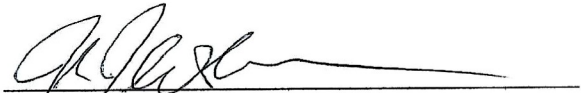
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Roll was called for the adoption of the Resolution, and the vote was as follows:

Leezer: YES/ NO **Fleshman:** YES/ NO **Blevins:** YES/ NO

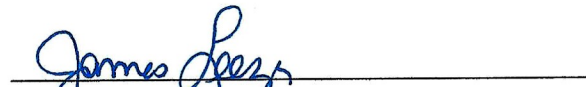
Adopted: August 2, 2024

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FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP,
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

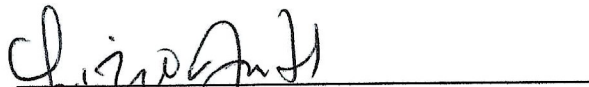


John Fleshman, Trustee

Attest and Certified



James Leezer, Trustee



Linzie Justus, Township Fiscal Officer



Mike Blevins, Trustee

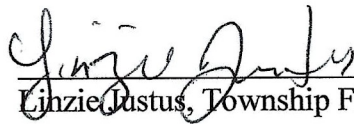
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FISCAL OFFICER'S CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Fiscal Officer of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution duly passed by the Board of Township Trustees of said Township and filed with the Township Fiscal Officer on August 2, 2024.

Witness my signature, this 2nd day of August, 2024.



Linzie Justus, Township Fiscal Officer