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A BILL

To amend sections 349.01, 349.03, 349.14, 501.07, 1
503.162, 503.40, 503.41, 503.42, 503.43, 503.44, 2
503.47, 503.48, 503.49, 503.50, 504.02, 504.03, 3
504.12, 504.121, 504.122, 504.123, 504.124, 4
504.126, 504.21, 505.07, 505.10, 505.17, 505.26, 5
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521.03, 971.12, 971.99, 4503.16, 4504.18, 11
4504.181, 5549.21, 5571.011, 5571.20, 5573.02, 12
5573.10, 5575.01, 5575.02, and 5579.05; to 13
amend, for the purpose of adopting a new section 14
number as indicated in parentheses, section 15
504.126 (504.125); to enact sections 503.411, 16
503.54, 511.51, 511.52, and 511.53; and to 17
repeal sections 503.45, 503.46, 504.125, 511.01, 18
and 511.02 of the Revised Code to make various 19
township law changes and to make an 20
appropriation. 21

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 349.01, 349.03, 349.14, 501.07, 22
503.162, 503.40, 503.41, 503.42, 503.43, 503.44, 503.47, 503.48, 23
503.49, 503.50, 504.02, 504.03, 504.12, 504.121, 504.122, 24
504.123, 504.124, 504.126, 504.21, 505.07, 505.10, 505.17, 25
505.26, 505.264, 505.28, 505.37, 505.373, 505.55, 505.73, 26
505.75, 505.76, 505.82, 505.86, 505.87, 505.871, 507.05, 511.03, 27
511.04, 511.12, 511.21, 515.01, 515.04, 517.07, 517.073, 517.12, 28
517.22, 519.06, 519.08, 519.09, 519.12, 519.15, 519.99, 521.03, 29
971.12, 971.99, 4503.16, 4504.18, 4504.181, 5549.21, 5571.011, 30
5571.20, 5573.02, 5573.10, 5575.01, 5575.02, and 5579.05 be 31
amended; section 504.126 (504.125) be amended for the purpose of 32
adopting a new section number as indicated in parentheses; and 33
sections 503.411, 503.54, 511.51, 511.52, and 511.53 of the 34
Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 35

Sec. 349.01. As used in this chapter: 36

(A) "New community" means a community or development of 37
property in relation to an existing community planned so that 38
the resulting community includes facilities for the conduct of 39
industrial, commercial, residential, cultural, educational, and 40
recreational activities, and designed in accordance with 41
planning concepts for the placement of utility, open space, and 42
other supportive facilities. 43

(B) "New community development program" means a program 44
for the development of a new community characterized by well- 45
balanced and diversified land use patterns and which includes 46
land acquisition and land development, the acquisition, 47
construction, operation, and maintenance of community 48

facilities, and the provision of services authorized in this 49
chapter. 50

A new community development program may take into account 51
any existing community in relation to which a new community is 52
developed for purposes of being characterized by well-balanced 53
and diversified land use patterns. 54

(C) "New community district" means the area of land 55
described by the developer in the petition as set forth in 56
division (A) of section 349.03 of the Revised Code for 57
development as a new community and any lands added to the 58
district by amendment of the resolution establishing the 59
community authority. 60

(D) "New community authority" means a body corporate and 61
politic in this state, established pursuant to section 349.03 of 62
the Revised Code and governed by a board of trustees as provided 63
in section 349.04 of the Revised Code. 64

(E) "Developer" means any person, organized for carrying 65
out a new community development program who owns or controls, 66
through leases of at least seventy-five years' duration, 67
options, or contracts to purchase, the land within a new 68
community district, or any municipal corporation, township, 69
county, or port authority that owns the land within a new 70
community district, or has the ability to acquire such land, 71
either by voluntary acquisition or condemnation in order to 72
eliminate slum, blighted, and deteriorated or deteriorating 73
areas and to prevent the recurrence thereof. "Developer" may 74
also mean a person, municipal corporation, township, county, or 75
port authority that controls land within a new community 76
district through leases of at least seventy-five years' 77
duration. "Developer" includes a lessor that continues to own 78

and control land for purposes of this chapter pursuant to leases	79
with a ninety-nine-year renewable term, so long as all of the	80
following apply:	81
(1) The developer's new community district consists of at	82
least five leases described in this section.	83
(2) The leases are subject to forfeiture for all of the	84
following:	85
(a) Failing to pay taxes and assessments;	86
(b) Failing to pay an annual fee of up to one per cent of	87
rent for sanitary purposes and improvements made to streets;	88
(c) Failing to keep the premises as required by sanitary	89
and police regulations of the developer.	90
(3) The new community authority is established on or	91
before December 31, 2024.	92
(F) "Organizational board of commissioners" means any of	93
the following:	94
(1) For a new community district that is located in only	95
one county, the board of county commissioners of that county;	96
(2) For a new community district that is located in more	97
than one county, a board consisting of the members of the board	98
of county commissioners of each of the counties in which the	99
district is located, provided that action of the board shall	100
require a majority vote of the members of each separate board of	101
county commissioners;	102
(3) For a new community district that is located entirely	103
within the boundaries of a municipal corporation or for a new	104
community district where more than half of the new community	105

district is located within the boundaries of the most populous 106
municipal corporation of a county, the legislative authority of 107
the municipal corporation; 108

(4) For a new community district that is comprised 109
entirely of unincorporated territory within the boundaries of a 110
township with a population of at least five thousand, and 111
located in a county with a population of at least two hundred 112
thousand and not more than four hundred thousand, the board of 113
township trustees of the township; 114

(5) In the event that more than one body meets the 115
definitions set forth in divisions (F)(1) to (4) of this 116
section, "organizational board of commissioners" means the 117
organizational board of commissioners with which the original 118
petition was filed or another body meeting the definitions set 119
forth in divisions (F)(1) to (4) of this section appointed in a 120
resolution adopted by the organizational board of commissioners 121
with which the original petition was filed. 122

(G) "Land acquisition" means the acquisition of real 123
property and interests in real property as part of a new 124
community development program. 125

(H) "Land development" means the process of clearing and 126
grading land, making, installing, or constructing water 127
distribution systems, sewers, sewage collection systems, steam, 128
gas, and electric lines, roads, streets, curbs, gutters, 129
sidewalks, storm drainage facilities, and other installations or 130
work, whether within or without the new community district, and 131
the construction of community facilities. 132

(I) "Community facilities" means all real property, 133
buildings, structures, or other facilities, including related 134

fixtures, equipment, and furnishings, to be owned, operated, 135
financed, constructed, and maintained under this chapter or in 136
furtherance of community activities, whether within or without 137
the new community district, including public, community, 138
village, neighborhood, or town buildings, centers and plazas, 139
auditoriums, child care centers, recreation halls, educational 140
facilities, health care facilities including hospital facilities 141
as defined in section 140.01 of the Revised Code, 142
telecommunications facilities, including all facilities 143
necessary to provide telecommunications service as defined in 144
section 4927.01 of the Revised Code, recreational facilities, 145
natural resource facilities, including parks and other open 146
space land, lakes and streams, cultural facilities, community 147
streets and off-street parking facilities, pathway and bikeway 148
systems, pedestrian underpasses and overpasses, lighting 149
facilities, design amenities, or other community facilities, and 150
buildings needed in connection with water supply or sewage 151
disposal installations, or energy facilities including those for 152
renewable or sustainable energy sources, and steam, gas, or 153
electric lines or installation. 154

(J) "Cost" as applied to a new community development 155
program means all costs related to land acquisition and land 156
development, the acquisition, construction, maintenance, and 157
operation of community facilities and offices of the community 158
authority, and of providing furnishings and equipment therefor, 159
financing charges including interest prior to and during 160
construction and for the duration of the new community 161
development program, planning expenses, engineering expenses, 162
administrative expenses including working capital, and all other 163
expenses necessary and incident to the carrying forward of the 164
new community development program. 165

(K) "Income source" means any and all sources of income to 166
the community authority, including community development charges 167
of which the new community authority is the beneficiary as 168
provided in section 349.07 of the Revised Code, rentals, user 169
fees and other charges received by the new community authority, 170
any gift or grant received, any moneys received from any funds 171
invested by or on behalf of the new community authority, and 172
proceeds from the sale or lease of land and community 173
facilities. 174

(L) "Community development charge" means: 175

(1) A dollar amount which shall be determined on the basis 176
of the assessed valuation of real property or interests in real 177
property in a new community district, the income of the 178
residents of such property subject to such charge under section 179
349.07 of the Revised Code, if such property is devoted to 180
residential uses or to the profits, gross receipts, or other 181
revenues of any business including, but not limited to, rentals 182
received from leases of real property located in the district, a 183
uniform or other fee on each parcel of such real property in a 184
new community district, or any combination of the foregoing 185
bases. 186

(2) If a new community authority imposes a community 187
development charge determined on the basis of rentals received 188
from leases of real property, improvements of any real property 189
located in the new community district and subject to that charge 190
may not be exempted from taxation under section 5709.40, 191
5709.41, 5709.45, 5709.48, 5709.73, or 5709.78 of the Revised 192
Code. 193

(M) "Proximate community" means the following: 194

(1) For a new community district other than a new 195
community district described in division (M) (2), (3), or (4) of 196
this section, any city that, as of the date of filing of the 197
petition under section 349.03 of the Revised Code, is the city 198
with the greatest population located in the county in which the 199
proposed new community district is located, is the city with the 200
greatest population located in an adjoining county if any 201
portion of such city is within five miles of any part of the 202
boundaries of such district, or exercises extraterritorial 203
subdivision authority under section 711.09 of the Revised Code 204
with respect to any part of such district. 205

(2) A municipal corporation in which, at the time of 206
filing the petition under section 349.03 of the Revised Code, 207
any portion of the proposed new community district is located. 208

(3) For a new community district other than a new 209
community district described in division (M) (2) or (4) of this 210
section, if at the time of filing the petition under section 211
349.03 of the Revised Code, more than one-half of the proposed 212
district is contained within a joint economic development 213
district created under sections 715.70 to 715.83 of the Revised 214
Code, the township containing the greatest portion of the 215
territory of the joint economic development district. 216

(4) For a new community district other than a new 217
community district described in division (M) (2) or (3) of this 218
section, if at the time of filing the petition under section 219
343.03 of the Revised Code the proposed new community district 220
is comprised entirely of unincorporated territory within the 221
boundaries of a township with a population of five thousand, and 222
located in a county with a population of at least two hundred 223
thousand and not more than four hundred thousand, the township 224

in which the proposed new community district is located.	225
(N) "Community activities" means cultural, educational,	226
governmental, recreational, residential, industrial, commercial,	227
distribution and research activities, or any combination	228
thereof.	229
Sec. 349.03. (A) Proceedings for the organization of a new	230
community authority shall be initiated by a petition filed by	231
the developer in the office of the clerk of an organizational	232
board of commissioners determined based on where the territory	233
of the proposed new community district is located. Such petition	234
shall be signed by the developer and may be signed by each	235
proximate community. The legislative authorities of each such	236
proximate community shall act in behalf of such community. Such	237
petition shall contain:	238
(1) The name of the proposed new community authority;	239
(2) The address where the principal office of the	240
authority will be located or the manner in which the location	241
will be selected;	242
(3) A map and a full and accurate description of the	243
boundaries of the new community district together with a	244
description of the properties within such boundaries, if any,	245
which will not be included in the new community district.	246
(4) A statement setting forth the zoning regulations	247
proposed for zoning the area within the boundaries of the new	248
community district for comprehensive development as a new	249
community, and if the area has been zoned for such development,	250
a certified copy of the applicable zoning regulations therefor;	251
(5) A current plan indicating the proposed development	252
program for the new community district, the land acquisition and	253

land development activities, community facilities, services 254
proposed to be undertaken by the new community authority under 255
such program, the proposed method of financing such activities 256
and services, including a description of the bases, timing, and 257
manner of collecting any proposed community development charges, 258
and the projected total residential population of, and 259
employment within, the new community; 260

(6) A suggested number of members, consistent with section 261
349.04 of the Revised Code, for the board of trustees; 262

(7) A preliminary economic feasibility analysis, including 263
the area development pattern and demand, location and proposed 264
new community district size, present and future socio-economic 265
conditions, public services provision, financial plan, and the 266
developer's management capability; 267

(8) A statement that the development will comply with all 268
applicable environmental laws and regulations. 269

Upon the filing of such petition, the organizational board 270
of commissioners shall determine whether such petition complies 271
with the requirements of this section as to form and substance. 272
The board in subsequent proceedings may at any time permit the 273
petition to be amended in form and substance to conform to the 274
facts by correcting any errors in the description of the 275
proposed new community district or in any other particular. 276

Upon the determination of the organizational board of 277
commissioners that a sufficient petition has been filed in 278
accordance with this section, the board shall fix the time and 279
place of a hearing on the petition for the establishment of the 280
proposed new community authority. Such hearing shall be held not 281
less than ninety-five nor more than one hundred fifteen days 282

after the petition filing date, except that if the petition has 283
been signed by all proximate communities or if the 284
organizational board of commissioners is the legislative 285
authority of the only proximate community for the proposed new 286
community district, such hearing shall be held not less than 287
thirty nor more than forty-five days after the petition filing 288
date. The clerk of the organizational board of commissioners 289
shall give notice thereof by publication once each week for 290
three consecutive weeks, or as provided in section 7.16 of the 291
Revised Code, in a newspaper of general circulation in any 292
county of which a portion is within the proposed new community 293
district. Except where the organizational board of commissioners 294
is the legislative authority of the only proximate community for 295
the proposed new community district, such clerk shall also give 296
written notice of the date, time, and place of the hearing and 297
furnish a certified copy of the petition to the clerk of the 298
legislative authority of each proximate community which has not 299
signed such petition. Except where the organizational board of 300
commissioners is the legislative authority of the only proximate 301
community for the proposed new community district, in the event 302
that the legislative authority of a proximate community which 303
did not sign the petition does not approve by ordinance, 304
resolution, or motion the establishment of the proposed new 305
community authority and does not deliver such ordinance, 306
resolution, or motion to the clerk of the organizational board 307
of commissioners within ninety days following the date of the 308
first publication of the notice of the public hearing, the 309
organizational board of commissioners shall cancel such public 310
hearing and terminate the proceedings for the establishment of 311
the new community authority. 312

Upon the hearing, if the organizational board of 313

commissioners determines by resolution that the proposed new 314
community district will be conducive to the public health, 315
safety, convenience, and welfare, and is intended to result in 316
the development of a new community, the board shall by its 317
resolution, declare the new community authority to be organized 318
and a body politic and corporate with the corporate name 319
designated in the resolution, and define the boundary of the new 320
community district. In addition, the resolution shall provide 321
the method of selecting the board of trustees of the new 322
community authority and fix the surety for their bonds in 323
accordance with section 349.04 of the Revised Code. 324

If the organizational board of commissioners finds that 325
the establishment of the district will not be conducive to the 326
public health, safety, convenience, or welfare, or is not 327
intended to result in the development of a new community, it 328
shall reject the petition thereby terminating the proceedings 329
for the establishment of the new community authority. 330

(B) (1) At any time after the creation of a new community 331
authority, the developer may file an application with the clerk 332
of the organizational board of commissioners with which the 333
original petition was filed, or the organizational board of 334
commissioners appointed pursuant to division (F) (5) of section 335
349.01 of the Revised Code, setting forth a general description 336
of territory it desires to add or to delete from such district, 337
that such change will be conducive to the public health, safety, 338
convenience, and welfare, and will be consistent with the 339
development of a new community and will not jeopardize the plan 340
of the new community. 341

(2) If the territory to be added or deleted from a new 342
community district meets the criteria described in either 343

division (F) (3) or (4) of section 349.01 of the Revised Code, 344
and the original petition was not filed with the legislative 345
authority of the municipal corporation or the board of township 346
trustees of the township ~~organizational board of commissioners~~ 347
described in those divisions, the developer shall also file a 348
copy of the application to the clerk of that ~~municipal~~ 349
legislative authority or township ~~organizational board of~~ 350
~~commissioners~~ fiscal officer. A ~~municipal or township~~ 351
~~organizational board of commissioners that receives an~~ 352
~~application under division (B) (2) of this section is the acting~~ 353
~~organizational board of commissioners for the purposes of~~ 354
~~division (B) (4) of this section. Otherwise, the organizational~~ 355
~~board of commissioners with which the original petition was~~ 356
~~filed is the acting organizational board of commissioners for~~ 357
~~the purposes of that division.~~ 358

(3) If the developer is not a municipal corporation, port 359
authority, or county, all of such an addition to such a district 360
shall be owned by, or under the control through leases of at 361
least seventy-five years' duration, options, or contracts to 362
purchase, of the developer. 363

(4) Upon the filing of the application, the ~~acting~~ 364
organizational board of commissioners shall follow the same 365
procedure as required by this section in relation to the 366
original petition for the establishment of the proposed new 367
community. The ~~acting~~ organizational board of commissioners also 368
may determine by resolution to add territory to such district, 369
provided that the owner or other person who controls such 370
territory through leases of at least forty years' duration, 371
options, or contracts to purchase files a written consent to the 372
addition of such territory with the clerk of the ~~acting~~ 373
organizational board of commissioners, and ~~neither~~ the developer 374

~~nor, if applicable, the organizational board of commissioners~~ 375
~~with which the original petition was filed objects~~ does not 376
object to the addition of such territory by filing a written 377
objection with the clerk of the ~~acting~~ organizational board of 378
commissioners before the adoption of the resolution adding such 379
territory to the district. The ~~acting~~ organizational board of 380
commissioners shall follow the same procedure as required by 381
this section in relation to the original petition for the 382
establishment of the proposed new community when adopting such a 383
resolution. 384

(C) If all or any part of the new community district is 385
annexed to one or more existing municipal corporations, their 386
legislative authorities may appoint persons to replace any 387
appointed citizen member of the board of trustees. The number of 388
such trustees to be replaced by the municipal corporation shall 389
be the number, rounded to the lowest integer, bearing the 390
proportionate relationship to the number of existing appointed 391
citizen members as the acreage of the new community district 392
within such municipal corporation bears to the total acreage of 393
the new community district. If any such municipal corporation 394
chooses to replace an appointed citizen member, it shall do so 395
by ordinance, the term of the trustee being replaced shall 396
terminate thirty days from the date of passage of such 397
ordinance, and the trustee to be replaced shall be determined by 398
lot. Each newly appointed member shall assume the term of the 399
member's predecessor. 400

Sec. 349.14. Except as provided in section 349.03 of the 401
Revised Code, or as otherwise provided in a resolution adopted 402
by the organizational board of commissioners of a new community 403
authority, a new community authority organized under this 404
chapter may be dissolved only on the vote of a majority of the 405

voters of the new community district at a special election 406
called by the board of trustees on the question of dissolution. 407
Such an election may be called only after the board has 408
determined that the new community development program has been 409
completed, when no community authority bonds or notes are 410
outstanding, and other legal indebtedness of the authority has 411
been discharged or provided for, and only after there has been 412
filed with the board of trustees a petition requesting such 413
election, signed by a number of qualified electors residing in 414
the new community district equal to not less than eight per cent 415
of the total vote cast for all candidates for governor in the 416
new community district at the most recent general election at 417
which a governor was elected. If a majority of the votes cast 418
favor dissolution, the board of trustees shall, by resolution, 419
declare the authority dissolved and thereupon the community 420
authority shall be dissolved. A certified copy of the resolution 421
shall, within fifteen days after its adoption, be filed with the 422
clerk of the organizational board of commissioners ~~with which~~ 423
~~the original petition for the organization of the new community~~ 424
~~authority was filed and with the clerk of any other~~ 425
~~organizational board of commissioners where territory of the new~~ 426
~~community district was located.~~ 427

Upon dissolution of a new community authority, the powers 428
thereof shall cease to exist. Any property of the new community 429
authority shall vest with a municipal corporation, county, or 430
township in which that property is located or with the developer 431
of the new community authority or the developer's designee, all 432
as provided in a resolution adopted by the organizational board 433
of commissioners. Any vesting of property in a municipal 434
corporation, township, or county shall be subject to acceptance 435
of the property by resolution of the legislative authority of 436

the municipal corporation, board of township trustees, or board 437
of county commissioners, as applicable. If the legislative 438
authority of a municipal corporation, board of township 439
trustees, or board of county commissioners declines to accept 440
the property, the property vests with the developer or the 441
developer's designee. Any funds of the community authority at 442
the time of dissolution shall be transferred to the municipal 443
corporation and county or township, as provided in a resolution, 444
in which the new community district is located in the proportion 445
to the assessed valuation of taxable real property of the new 446
community authority within such municipal corporation and 447
township or county as said valuation appears on the current 448
assessment rolls. 449

Sec. 501.07. Lands described in division (A) of section 450
501.06 of the Revised Code shall continue to be leased under the 451
terms granted until such time as the lease may expire. At the 452
time of expiration, subject to section 501.04 of the Revised 453
Code, the land may be leased again by the board of education of 454
the school district for whose benefit the land has been 455
allocated or be offered for sale by public auction or by the 456
receipt of sealed bids with the sale awarded by the school board 457
to the highest bidder. Prior to the offering of these lands for 458
sale, the school board shall have an appraisal made of these 459
lands by at least two disinterested appraisers. Notification of 460
the sale of these lands, including the minerals in or on these 461
or other lands, shall be advertised once a week for two 462
consecutive weeks, ~~or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised~~ 463
~~Code, in~~ using at least one of the following methods: 464

(A) In a newspaper of general circulation in the county in 465
which the land is located; 466

<u>(B) On the official public notice web site established</u>	467
<u>under section 125.182 of the Revised Code;</u>	468
<u>(C) On the web site and social media account of the</u>	469
<u>township. No</u>	470
<u>No</u> bids shall be accepted for less than the appraised	471
value of the land.	472
Sec. 503.162. (A) After certification of a resolution as	473
provided in section 503.161 of the Revised Code, the board of	474
elections shall submit the question of whether the township's	475
name shall be changed to the electors of the unincorporated area	476
of the township in accordance with division (C) of that section,	477
and the ballot language shall be substantially as follows:	478
"Shall the township of _____ (name) change its name	479
to _____ (proposed name)?	480
_____ For name change	481
_____ Against name change"	482
(B) (1) At least forty-five days before the election on	483
this question, the board of township trustees shall provide	484
<u>publish</u> notice of the election and an explanation of the	485
proposed name change in a newspaper of general circulation in	486
the township once a week for two consecutive weeks or as	487
provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code <u>using at least one</u>	488
<u>of the following methods:</u>	489
<u>(a) In a newspaper of general circulation in the township;</u>	490
<u>(b) On the official public notice web site established</u>	491
<u>under section 125.182 of the Revised Code;</u>	492
<u>(c) On the web site and social media account of the</u>	493

township. ~~The~~ 494

The board of township trustees shall post the notice and 495
explanation in five conspicuous places in the unincorporated 496
area of the township. 497

(2) If the board of elections operates and maintains a web 498
site, notice of the election and an explanation of the proposed 499
name change shall be posted on that web site for at least thirty 500
days before the election on this question. 501

(C) If a majority of the votes cast on the proposition of 502
changing the township's name is in the affirmative, the name 503
change is adopted and becomes effective ninety days after the 504
board of elections certifies the election results to the fiscal 505
officer of the township. Upon receipt of the certification of 506
the election results from the board of elections, the fiscal 507
officer of the township shall send a copy of that certification 508
to the secretary of state. 509

(D) A change in the name of a township shall not alter the 510
rights or liabilities of the township as previously named. 511

Sec. 503.40. As used in sections 503.40 to 503.49 of the 512
Revised Code: 513

(A) "Massage therapy" ~~means any method of exerting~~ 514
~~pressure on, stroking, kneading, rubbing, tapping, pounding,~~ 515
~~vibrating, or stimulating the external soft tissue of the body~~ 516
~~with the hands, or with the aid of any mechanical or electrical~~ 517
~~apparatus or appliance has the same meaning as in section~~ 518
4731.04 of the Revised Code. 519

(B) "Massage establishment" means any fixed place of 520
business where ~~a person offers massages~~ massage therapy is 521
provided: 522

(1) In exchange for anything of value; or 523

(2) In connection with the provision of another legitimate 524
service. 525

(C) ~~"Masseur" or "masseuse"~~ "Massage therapist" means any 526
~~individual person who performs massages at a massage-~~ 527
~~establishment~~ massage therapy. 528

(D) ~~"Sexual or genital area" includes the genitalia, pubic-~~ 529
~~area, anus, perineum of any person, and the breasts of a-~~ 530
~~female~~ "Registration" means to provide information to the board 531
of township trustees to indicate the location of the 532
establishment, the names of individuals employed there, and 533
evidence of current state licensure or student status of anyone 534
providing massage therapy at the establishment as provided in 535
division (A) of section 503.411 of the Revised Code. 536

Sec. 503.41. (A) A board of township trustees, by 537
resolution, may regulate ~~and require the registration of~~ massage 538
establishments ~~and their employees~~ within the unincorporated 539
territory of the township and may require the registration of 540
persons performing massage therapy at the massage 541
establishments. In accordance with sections 503.40 to 503.49 of 542
the Revised Code, for ~~that purpose~~ those purposes, the board, by 543
a majority vote of all members, may adopt, amend, administer, 544
and enforce such establishment regulations and registration 545
requirements within the unincorporated territory of the 546
township. 547

(B) A board may adopt establishment regulations, 548
registration requirements, and amendments under this section 549
only after public hearing at not fewer than two regular sessions 550
of the board. The board shall ~~cause to be published in a-~~ 551

~~newspaper of general circulation in the township, or as provided~~ 552
~~in section 7.16 of the Revised Code, publish~~ notice of the 553
public hearings, including the time, date, and place, once a 554
week for two weeks immediately preceding the hearings using at 555
least one of the following methods: 556

(1) In a newspaper of general circulation in the township; 557

(2) On the official public notice web site established 558
under section 125.182 of the Revised Code; 559

(3) On the web site and social media account of the 560
township. The 561

The board shall make available proposed establishment 562
regulations, registration requirements, or amendments to the 563
public at the office of the board. 564

(C) Regulations—Establishment regulations, registration 565
requirements, or amendments adopted by the board are effective 566
thirty days after the date of adoption unless, within thirty 567
days after the adoption of the regulations, requirements, or 568
amendments, the township fiscal officer receives a petition, 569
signed by a number of qualified electors residing in the 570
unincorporated area of the township equal to not less than ten 571
per cent of the total vote cast for all candidates for governor 572
in the area at the most recent general election at which a 573
governor was elected, requesting the board to submit the 574
regulations, requirements, or amendments to the electors of the 575
area for approval or rejection at the next primary or general 576
election occurring at least ninety days after the board receives 577
the petition. 578

No establishment regulation, registration requirement, or 579
amendment for which the referendum vote has been requested is 580

effective unless a majority of the votes cast on the issue is in favor of the regulation, requirement, or amendment. Upon certification by the board of elections that a majority of the votes cast on the issue was in favor of the regulation, requirement, or amendment, the regulation, requirement, or amendment takes immediate effect.

(D) The board shall make available establishment regulations and registration requirements it adopts or amends to the public at the office of the board and shall cause to be published once a notice of the availability of the regulations ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the township~~ and requirements, within ten days after their adoption or amendment, using at least one of the following methods:

(1) In a newspaper of general circulation in the township;

(2) On the official public notice web site established under section 125.182 of the Revised Code;

(3) On the web site and social media account of the township.

(E) Nothing in sections 503.40 to 503.49 of the Revised Code shall be construed to allow a board of township trustees to license any massage therapist or otherwise regulate the practice of any limited branch of medicine specified in section 4731.15 of the Revised Code or the practice of providing therapeutic massage by a licensed physician, a licensed podiatrist, a licensed chiropractor, ~~a licensed podiatrist~~, a licensed nurse, or any other licensed health professional. ~~As~~

As used in this division, "licensed" means licensed, certified, or registered to practice in this state.

(F) If a township adopts establishment regulations to

require the registration of massage establishments and their 610
employees, the township shall comply with Chapter 4796. of the 611
Revised Code. 612

Sec. 503.411. If a board of township trustees has adopted 613
a resolution under section 503.41 of the Revised Code to 614
regulate massage establishments, all of the following apply: 615

(A) The massage establishment regulations may include a 616
requirement that all massage therapy performed in a massage 617
establishment be performed by a person who meets one or more of 618
the following conditions and that does not exclude any such 619
person: 620

(1) Is licensed by the state cosmetology and barber board, 621
or its predecessors or successors, and provides massage therapy 622
as a portion of, and incidental to, barber services in 623
accordance with Chapter 4709. of the Revised Code or cosmetology 624
services in accordance with Chapter 4713. of the Revised Code; 625

(2) Is licensed by the board of nursing, or its 626
predecessors or successors, and provides massage therapy as a 627
portion of, and incidental to, nursing services in accordance 628
with Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code; 629

(3) Is licensed by the state medical board, or its 630
predecessors or successors, and provides massage therapy as a 631
portion of, and incidental to, medical services in accordance 632
with Chapter 4730. or 4731. of the Revised Code or acupuncture 633
in accordance with Chapter 4762. of the Revised Code; 634

(4) Is licensed by the state chiropractic board, or its 635
predecessors or successors, and provides massage therapy as a 636
portion of, and incidental to, chiropractic services in 637
accordance with Chapter 4734. of the Revised Code; 638

(5) Is licensed by the state medical board, or its 639
predecessors or successors, as a massage therapist in accordance 640
with Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code; 641

(6) Is licensed by the Ohio occupational therapy, physical 642
therapy, and athletic trainers board, or its predecessors or 643
successors, and provides massage therapy as a portion of, and 644
incidental to, services provided as an occupational therapist, 645
physical therapist, or athletic trainer in accordance with 646
Chapter 4755. of the Revised Code; 647

(7) Is enrolled and regularly and actively participating 648
in a program of study to achieve the training necessary to 649
obtain the massage therapist license specified in division (A) 650
(5) of this section and the program of study is in good standing 651
as determined by the state medical board. 652

(B) If a board of township trustees has adopted a 653
resolution as described in division (A) of this section, no 654
person shall knowingly act as a massage therapist for a massage 655
establishment located in the unincorporated area of the township 656
without first having obtained a license from a board specified 657
in division (A) of this section or without being a student as 658
provided in division (A) (7) of this section. 659

(C) The massage establishment regulations may include any 660
of the following: 661

(1) A requirement that the massage establishment fully 662
comply with any applicable zoning resolution and amendments to 663
the resolution that are adopted by the board under Chapter 519. 664
of the Revised Code; 665

(2) Designated hours as prohibited hours of operation; 666

(3) The prohibitions set forth in division (B) of section 667

503.42 of the Revised Code; 668

(4) Any other regulation considered by the board to be 669
necessary for the health, safety, and welfare of the township 670
residents, subject to division (E) of section 503.41 of the 671
Revised Code. 672

Sec. 503.42. If a board of township trustees has adopted a 673
resolution under section 503.41 of the Revised Code that 674
includes a permit requirement to operate a massage 675
establishment: 676

(A) No person shall ~~engage in, conduct or carry on, or~~ 677
~~permit to be engaged in, conducted or carried on in the~~ 678
~~unincorporated areas of the township, the operation of~~ operate a 679
massage establishment in the unincorporated areas of a township 680
without first having obtained a permit from the board of 681
township trustees as provided in section 503.43 of the Revised 682
Code. 683

(B) ~~No individual shall act as a masseur or masseuse for a~~ 684
~~massage establishment located in the unincorporated areas of the~~ 685
~~township without first having obtained a license from the board~~ 686
~~of township trustees as provided in section 503.45 of the~~ 687
~~Revised Code.~~ 688

~~(C)~~ No owner or operator of a massage establishment 689
located in the unincorporated ~~areas~~ area of the township shall 690
knowingly do any of the following: 691

(1) ~~Employ an unlicensed masseur or masseuse as a massage~~ 692
therapist a person who does not meet one of the criteria listed 693
in division (A) of section 503.411 of the Revised Code; 694

(2) Refuse to allow appropriate state or local 695
authorities, including police officers, access to the massage 696

establishment for any health or safety inspection conducted 697
pursuant to a massage establishment regulation or massage 698
therapist registration requirement adopted by the township under 699
section 503.41 of the Revised Code; 700

(3) Operate during the hours designated as prohibited 701
hours of operation by the board of township trustees; 702

(4) Employ any person under the age of eighteen. 703

~~(D) No person employed in a massage establishment located 704
in the unincorporated area of the township shall knowingly do 705
any of the following in the performance of duties at the massage 706
establishment: 707~~

~~(1) Place his or her hand upon, touch with any part of his 708
or her body, fondle in any manner, or massage the sexual or 709
genital area of any other person; 710~~

~~(2) Perform, offer, or agree to perform any act which 711
would require the touching of the sexual or genital area of any 712
other person; 713~~

~~(3) Touch, offer, or agree to touch the sexual or genital 714
area of any other person with any mechanical or electrical 715
apparatus or appliance; 716~~

~~(4) Wear unclean clothing, no clothing, transparent 717
clothing, or clothing that otherwise reveals the sexual or 718
genital areas of the masseur or masseuse; 719~~

~~(5) Uncover or allow the sexual or genital area of any 720
other person to be uncovered while providing massages. 721~~

~~(E) No licensed masseur or masseuse shall accept or 722
continue employment at a massage establishment that does not 723
have a current, valid permit issued by the board of township 724~~

~~trustees.~~ 725

Sec. 503.43. If a board of township trustees has adopted a 726
resolution under section 503.41 of the Revised Code that 727
includes a permit requirement to operate a massage 728
establishment, the application for a permit to operate a massage 729
establishment shall be made to the board and shall include the 730
following: 731

(A) An initial, nonrefundable filing fee of two hundred 732
fifty dollars and an annual nonrefundable renewal fee of one 733
hundred twenty-five dollars; 734

(B) A health and safety report of an inspection of the 735
premises performed within thirty days of the application to 736
determine compliance with applicable health and safety codes, 737
which inspection appropriate state or local authorities acting 738
pursuant to an agreement with the board shall perform; 739

(C) The full name and address of any person applying for a 740
permit, including any partner or limited partner of a 741
partnership applicant, any officer or director of a corporate 742
applicant, and any stock holder holding more than two per cent 743
of the stock of a corporate applicant having less than a total 744
of fifty employees or any stock holder holding more than twenty- 745
five per cent of the stock of a corporate applicant having more 746
than a total of fifty employees, the date of birth ~~and social-~~ 747
~~security number~~ of each individual, and the federal 748
identification number of any partnership or corporation; 749

(D) Authorization for an investigation into the criminal 750
record of any person applying for a permit; 751

(E) Proof that the massage establishment fully complies 752
with any applicable zoning resolution and amendments to the 753

resolution adopted by the board under Chapter 519. of the 754
Revised Code; 755

(F) Any other information determined by the board to be 756
necessary for the health, safety, and welfare of the township 757
residents, subject to division (E) of section 503.41 of the 758
Revised Code. 759

A permit issued under this section to a massage 760
establishment shall expire one year after the date of issuance, 761
except that no massage establishment shall be required to 762
discontinue business because of the failure of the board to act 763
on a renewal application filed in a timely manner and pending 764
before the board on the expiration date of the establishment's 765
permit. Each permit shall contain the name of the applicant, the 766
address of the massage establishment, and the expiration date of 767
the permit. 768

Sec. 503.44. If a board of township trustees has adopted a 769
resolution under section 503.41 of the Revised Code that 770
includes a permit requirement to operate a massage 771
establishment, it shall deny any application for a permit to 772
operate a massage establishment or revoke, at any time, a 773
previously issued permit, for any of the following reasons: 774

(A) Falsification of any of the information required for 775
the application or failure to fully complete the application; 776

(B) Failure to cooperate with any required health or 777
safety inspection; 778

(C) Any one of the persons named on the application is 779
under the age of eighteen; 780

(D) Any one of the persons named on the application has 781
been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any violation of Chapter 782

2907. of the Revised Code, or any violation of any municipal ordinance that is substantially equivalent to any offense contained in Chapter 2907. of the Revised Code, within five years preceding the application;

~~(E) Any masseur or masseuse employed at the licensed message establishment has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of division (D) of section 503.42 of the Revised Code.~~

Sec. 503.47. If a board of township trustees has adopted a resolution under section 503.41 of the Revised Code that includes a permit requirement to operate a message establishment, the regulations adopted for that purpose may require any of the following:

(A) A message establishment to display its current permit in an area open to the public;

~~(B) Each massager~~ A message establishment to display the massager's license message therapists' licenses to practice at all times in the areas of the message establishment where the licensee is providing massages message therapy is provided;

(C) Massage establishments to undergo periodic health and safety inspections to determine continual compliance with applicable health and safety codes;

~~(D) Massagers to undergo periodic physical examinations performed by a licensed physician, a physician assistant, a clinical nurse specialist, a certified nurse practitioner, or a certified nurse midwife certifying that the massager continues to be free from communicable diseases;~~

~~(E) Any other requirement reasonably thought necessary by the board~~ for the health, safety, and welfare of township

residents, subject to division (E) of section 503.41 of the 812
Revised Code. 813

Sec. 503.48. A board of township trustees acting under 814
sections 503.40 to 503.49 of the Revised Code that has adopted a 815
resolution under section 503.41 of the Revised Code need not 816
hold any hearing in connection with an order denying or revoking 817
a permit to operate a massage establishment ~~or masseur or~~ 818
~~masseuse license~~. The board shall maintain a complete record of 819
each proceeding and shall notify the applicant in writing of its 820
order. Any person adversely affected by an order of the board 821
denying or revoking a permit to operate a massage establishment 822
~~or masseur or masseuse license~~ may appeal from the order of the 823
board to the court of common pleas of the county in which the 824
township is located, ~~the place of business of the permit holder~~ 825
~~is located, or the person is a resident~~. The appeal shall be in 826
accordance with Chapter 2506. of the Revised Code. 827

Sec. 503.49. If a board of township trustees has adopted a 828
resolution under section 503.41 of the Revised Code that 829
includes a permit requirement to operate a massage 830
establishment, the board shall deposit the fees collected by the 831
township for massage establishment permits ~~and masseur and~~ 832
~~masseuse licenses~~ in the township general fund and first use the 833
fees for the cost of administering and enforcing massage 834
establishment regulations and massage therapist registration 835
requirements adopted under section 503.41 of the Revised Code. 836

Sec. 503.50. (A) Whoever violates division (A) ~~or (B)~~ of 837
section 503.42 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of 838
the first degree. 839

(B) Whoever violates division (B) of section 503.411 or 840
division (C), (D), or (E) (B) of section 503.42 of the Revised 841

Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree. 842

Sec. 503.54. (A) As used in this section: 843

(1) "Admission" means the right or privilege to enter into 844
any place. 845

(2) "Qualifying township" means a township that has all or 846
any part of a qualifying event venue within its boundaries. 847

(3) "Qualifying event venue" means a theater, concert 848
hall, entertainment venue, or similar space for hosting 849
performances or events that meets both of the following 850
requirements: 851

(a) The venue has a capacity of at least two thousand 852
attendees; 853

(b) The venue, and the land on which it is situated, is 854
exempt from property taxation. 855

(B) For the purposes of providing revenue for police, 856
fire, and emergency medical services and of paying the costs of 857
administering the fee, the legislative authority of a qualifying 858
township may, by resolution, impose a fee upon the sale of 859
admission to any qualifying event venue in the township. 860

(C) The resolution shall state that the fee does not apply 861
to amounts paid for admission to any of the following: 862

(1) A county fairground; 863

(2) Events or activities sponsored by the state or a 864
political subdivision, including any city, local, or exempted 865
village school district; 866

(3) Events or activities wherein the charge for admission 867
is ten dollars or less. 868

(D) The rate of a fee imposed under this section shall 869
equal a fixed amount per admission, but shall not exceed one 870
dollar per admission. Every person receiving any payment for a 871
sale on which a fee is imposed under this section shall collect 872
the amount of the fee from the person making the admission 873
payment and remit the fee to the qualifying township in the 874
manner and at the times prescribed by the regulations adopted by 875
the board of township trustees. 876

(E) The resolution shall state that the fee shall be 877
referred to as a "protect and serve charge." Before adopting the 878
resolution, the board of township trustees shall conduct two 879
public hearings on the resolution, the second hearing to be not 880
less than three nor more than ten days after the first. Notice 881
of the date, time, and place of such hearings shall be given by 882
publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the 883
township or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code once 884
a week on the same day of the week for two consecutive weeks, 885
the second publication being not less than ten nor more than 886
thirty days before the first hearing. 887

No resolution under this section shall become effective 888
sooner than thirty days following its adoption, and such 889
resolution is subject to a referendum in the same manner, except 890
as to the form of the petition, as provided in division (H) of 891
section 519.12 of the Revised Code for a proposed amendment to a 892
township zoning resolution. In addition, a petition under this 893
section shall be governed by the rules specified in section 894
3501.38 of the Revised Code. No resolution imposing a fee under 895
this section for which a referendum vote has been requested 896
shall go into effect unless approved by a majority of those 897
voting upon it. 898

(F) The legislative authority of a qualifying township 899
imposing a fee pursuant to this section shall establish all 900
regulations necessary to provide for the administration of the 901
fee. The regulations shall provide, after deducting the real and 902
actual costs of administering the fee, that the revenue be used 903
exclusively for providing police, fire, and emergency medical 904
services within the township. 905

(G) A fee imposed pursuant to this section continues in 906
effect until repealed by resolution adopted by the board of 907
township trustees. 908

Sec. 504.02. (A) After certification of a resolution as 909
provided in division (A) of section 504.01 of the Revised Code, 910
the board of elections shall submit the question of whether to 911
adopt a limited home rule government to the electors of the 912
unincorporated area of the township, and the ballot language 913
shall be substantially as follows: 914

"Shall the township of _____ (name) adopt a limited 915
home rule government, under which government the board of 916
township trustees, by resolution, may exercise limited powers of 917
local self-government and limited police powers? 918

_____ For adoption of a limited home rule government 919

_____ Against adoption of a limited home rule government" 920

(B) (1) At least forty-five days before the election on 921
this question, the board of township trustees shall have notice 922
of the election and a description of the proposed limited home 923
rule government published ~~in a newspaper of general circulation~~ 924
~~in the township~~ once a week for two consecutive weeks ~~or as~~ 925
~~provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code, and~~ using at 926
least one of the following methods: 927

<u>(a) In a newspaper of general circulation in the township;</u>	928
<u>(b) On the official public notice web site established</u> <u>under section 125.182 of the Revised Code;</u>	929 930
<u>(c) On the web site and social media account of the</u> <u>township.</u>	931 932
<u>The board</u> shall have the notice and description posted in	933
five conspicuous places in the unincorporated area of the	934
township.	935
(2) If a board of elections operates and maintains a web	936
site, notice of the election and a description of the proposed	937
limited home rule government shall be posted on that web site	938
for at least thirty days before the election on this question.	939
(C) If a majority of the votes cast on the proposition of	940
adopting a limited home rule government is in the affirmative,	941
that government is adopted and becomes the government of the	942
township on the first day of January immediately following the	943
election.	944
Sec. 504.03. (A) (1) If a limited home rule government is	945
adopted pursuant to section 504.02 of the Revised Code, it shall	946
remain in effect for at least three years except as otherwise	947
provided in division (B) of this section. At the end of that	948
period, if the board of township trustees determines that that	949
government is not in the best interests of the township, it may	950
adopt a resolution causing the board of elections to submit to	951
the electors of the unincorporated area of the township the	952
question of whether the township should continue the limited	953
home rule government. The question shall be voted upon at the	954
next general election occurring at least ninety days after the	955
certification of the resolution to the board of elections. After	956

certification of the resolution, the board of elections shall 957
submit the question to the electors of the unincorporated area 958
of the township, and the ballot language shall be substantially 959
as follows: 960

"Shall the township of _____ (name) continue the 961
limited home rule government under which it is operating? 962

_____ For continuation of the limited home rule government 963

_____ Against continuation of the limited home rule government" 964

(2) (a) At least forty-five days before the election on the 965
question of continuing the limited home rule government, the 966
board of township trustees shall have notice of the election 967
~~published in a newspaper of general circulation in the township~~ 968
~~once a week for two consecutive weeks or as provided in section~~ 969
~~7.16 of the Revised Code, and~~ using at least one of the 970
following methods: 971

(i) In a newspaper of general circulation in the township; 972

(ii) On the official public notice web site established 973
under section 125.182 of the Revised Code; 974

(iii) On the web site and social media account of the 975
township 976

The board shall have the notice posted in five conspicuous 977
places in the unincorporated area of the township. 978

(b) If a board of elections operates and maintains a web 979
site, notice of the election shall be posted on that web site 980
for at least thirty days before the election on the question of 981
continuing the limited home rule government. 982

(B) The electors of a township that has adopted a limited 983

home rule government may propose at any time by initiative 984
petition, in accordance with section 504.14 of the Revised Code, 985
a resolution submitting to the electors in the unincorporated 986
area of the township, in an election, the question set forth in 987
division (A) (1) of this section. 988

(C) If a majority of the votes cast under division (A) or 989
(B) of this section on the proposition of continuing the limited 990
home rule government is in the negative, that government is 991
terminated effective on the first day of January immediately 992
following the election, and a limited home rule government shall 993
not be adopted in the unincorporated area of the township 994
pursuant to section 504.02 of the Revised Code for at least 995
three years after that date. 996

(D) If a limited home rule government is terminated under 997
this section, the board of township trustees immediately shall 998
adopt a resolution repealing all resolutions adopted pursuant to 999
this chapter that are not authorized by any other section of the 1000
Revised Code outside this chapter, effective on the first day of 1001
January immediately following the election described in division 1002
(A) or (B) of this section. However, no resolution adopted under 1003
this division shall affect or impair the obligations of the 1004
township under any security issued or contracts entered into by 1005
the township in connection with the financing of any water 1006
supply facility or sewer improvement under sections 504.18 to 1007
504.20 of the Revised Code or the authority of the township to 1008
collect or enforce any assessments or other revenues 1009
constituting security for or source of payments of debt service 1010
charges of those securities. 1011

(E) Upon the termination of a limited home rule government 1012
under this section, if the township had converted its board of 1013

township trustees to a five-member board before September 26, 1014
2003, the current board member who received the lowest number of 1015
votes of the current board members who were elected at the most 1016
recent election for township trustees, and the current board 1017
member who received the lowest number of votes of the current 1018
board members who were elected at the second most recent 1019
election for township trustees, shall cease to be township 1020
trustees on the date that the limited home rule government 1021
terminates. Their offices likewise shall cease to exist at that 1022
time, and the board shall continue as a three-member board as 1023
provided in section 505.01 of the Revised Code. 1024

Sec. 504.12. No resolution and no section or numbered or 1025
lettered division of a section shall be revised or amended 1026
unless the new resolution contains the entire resolution, 1027
section, or division as revised or amended, and the resolution, 1028
section, or division so amended shall be repealed. This 1029
requirement does not prevent the amendment of a resolution by 1030
the addition of a new section, or division, and in this case the 1031
full text of the former resolution need not be set forth, nor 1032
does this section prevent repeals by implication. Except in the 1033
case of a codification or recodification of resolutions, a 1034
separate vote shall be taken on each resolution proposed to be 1035
amended. Resolutions that have been introduced and have received 1036
their first reading or their first and second readings, but have 1037
not been voted on for passage, may be amended or revised by a 1038
majority vote of the members of the board of township trustees, 1039
and the amended or revised resolution need not receive 1040
additional readings. 1041

The board of township trustees of a limited home rule 1042
township may revise, codify, and publish in book form the 1043
resolutions of the township in the manner provided in section 1044

504.123 of the Revised Code. Resolutions adopted by the board 1045
shall be published in the manner provided by sections 504.121, 1046
504.122, 504.124, and 504.125, ~~and 504.126~~ of the Revised Code. 1047

The procedures provided in this section and sections 1048
504.121 to ~~504.126~~ 504.125 of the Revised Code apply only to 1049
resolutions adopted pursuant to a township's limited home rule 1050
powers as authorized by this chapter. 1051

Sec. 504.121. (A) A succinct summary of each resolution, 1052
of all notices to bidders for the construction of public 1053
improvements and notices of the sale of bonds, and of all 1054
statements, orders, proclamations, notices, and reports required 1055
by law or resolution to be published, shall be published ~~in~~ 1056
using at least one of the following methods: 1057

(1) In a newspaper of general circulation in the township; 1058

(2) On the official public notice web site established 1059
under section 125.182 of the Revised Code; 1060

(3) On the web site and social media account of the 1061
township. Proof- 1062

Proof of the publication ~~and required circulation of any~~ 1063
~~newspaper used as a medium of publication as provided by this~~ 1064
~~section~~ shall be made by affidavit of the proprietor of the 1065
newspaper or operator of the official public notice web site, as 1066
applicable, and shall be filed with the fiscal officer of the 1067
township. If publication is made by posting on the township web 1068
site or social media account, the township fiscal officer shall 1069
cause proof of the publication to be created, and maintain the 1070
proof. 1071

(B) The publication shall contain notice that the complete 1072
text of each such resolution may be obtained or viewed at the 1073

office of the fiscal officer of the township and may be viewed 1074
at any other location designated by the board of township 1075
trustees. The township law director or the county prosecuting 1076
attorney, as applicable, shall review the summary of a 1077
resolution published under this section before forwarding it to 1078
the fiscal officer for publication, to ensure the summary is 1079
legally accurate and sufficient. 1080

(C) Upon publication of a summary of a resolution in 1081
accordance with this section, the fiscal officer of the township 1082
shall supply a copy of the complete text of each such resolution 1083
to any person, upon request, and may charge a reasonable fee, 1084
set by the board of township trustees, for each copy supplied. 1085
The fiscal officer of the township shall post a copy of the text 1086
at the fiscal officer's office and at every other location 1087
designated by the board of township trustees. 1088

Sec. 504.122. The publication required in section 504.121 1089
of the Revised Code shall be for the following times: 1090

(A) Summaries of resolutions, and proclamations of 1091
elections, once a week for two consecutive weeks ~~or as provided~~ 1092
~~in section 7.16 of the Revised Code;~~ 1093

(B) Notices, not less than two nor more than four 1094
consecutive weeks ~~or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised~~ 1095
~~Code;~~ 1096

(C) All other matters shall be published once. 1097

Sec. 504.123. When resolutions are revised, codified, 1098
rearranged, published in book form, and certified as correct by 1099
the fiscal officer of the township and the township 1100
administrator, such publication shall be a sufficient 1101
publication, and the resolutions so published, under appropriate 1102

titles, chapters, and sections, shall be held the same in law as 1103
though they had been published in ~~a newspaper~~accordance with 1104
section 731.21 of the Revised Code. A new resolution so 1105
published in book form, a summary of which has not been 1106
published as required by sections 504.121 and 504.122 of the 1107
Revised Code, and which contains entirely new matter, shall be 1108
published as required by such sections. If such revision or 1109
codification is made by a township and contains new matter, it 1110
shall be a sufficient publication of such codification, 1111
including the new matter, to publish, in the manner required by 1112
such sections, a notice of the enactment of such codifying 1113
resolution, containing the title of the resolution and a summary 1114
of the new matters covered by it. Such revision and codification 1115
may be made under appropriate titles, chapters, and sections and 1116
in one resolution containing one or more subjects. 1117

Except as provided by this section, a succinct summary of 1118
all resolutions, including emergency resolutions, shall be 1119
published in accordance with section 504.121 of the Revised 1120
Code. 1121

Sec. 504.124. Immediately after the expiration of the 1122
period of publication of summaries of resolutions required by 1123
section 504.122 of the Revised Code, the fiscal officer of the 1124
township shall enter on the record of resolutions, in a blank to 1125
be left for such purpose under the recorded resolution, a 1126
certificate stating in which ~~newspaper~~manner and on what dates 1127
such publication was made, and shall sign the fiscal officer's 1128
name thereto officially. Such certificate shall be prima-facie 1129
evidence that legal publication of the summary of the resolution 1130
was made. 1131

Sec. ~~504.126~~ 504.125. It is a sufficient defense to any 1132

suit or prosecution under a resolution, to show that no 1133
publication or posting was made as required by sections 504.121 1134
to ~~504.125~~504.124 of the Revised Code. 1135

Sec. 504.21. (A) The board of township trustees of a 1136
township that has adopted a limited home rule government may, 1137
for the unincorporated territory in the township, adopt, amend, 1138
and rescind rules establishing technically feasible and 1139
economically reasonable standards to achieve a level of 1140
management and conservation practices that will abate wind or 1141
water erosion of the soil or abate the degradation of the waters 1142
of the state by soil sediment in conjunction with land grading, 1143
excavating, filling, or other soil disturbing activities on land 1144
used or being developed in the township for nonfarm commercial, 1145
industrial, residential, or other nonfarm purposes, and 1146
establish criteria for determination of the acceptability of 1147
those management and conservation practices. The rules shall be 1148
designed to implement the applicable areawide waste treatment 1149
management plan prepared under section 208 of the "Federal Water 1150
Pollution Control Act," 86 Stat. 816 (1972), 33 U.S.C.A. 1228, 1151
as amended, and to implement phase II of the storm water program 1152
of the national pollutant discharge elimination system 1153
established in 40 C.F.R. Part 122. The rules to implement phase 1154
II of the storm water program of the national pollutant 1155
discharge elimination system shall not be inconsistent with, 1156
more stringent than, or broader in scope than the rules or 1157
regulations adopted by the environmental protection agency under 1158
40 C.F.R. Part 122. The rules adopted under this section shall 1159
not apply inside the limits of municipal corporations, to lands 1160
being used in a strip mine operation as defined in section 1161
1513.01 of the Revised Code, or to land being used in a surface 1162
mine operation as defined in section 1514.01 of the Revised 1163

Code. 1164

The rules adopted under this section may require persons 1165
to file plans governing erosion control, sediment control, and 1166
water management before clearing, grading, excavating, filling, 1167
or otherwise wholly or partially disturbing one or more 1168
contiguous acres of land owned by one person or operated as one 1169
development unit for the construction of nonfarm buildings, 1170
structures, utilities, recreational areas, or other similar 1171
nonfarm uses. If the rules require plans to be filed, the rules 1172
shall do all of the following: 1173

(1) Designate the board itself, its employees, or another 1174
agency or official to review and approve or disapprove the 1175
plans; 1176

(2) Establish procedures and criteria for the review and 1177
approval or disapproval of the plans; 1178

(3) Require the designated entity to issue a permit to a 1179
person for the clearing, grading, excavating, filling, or other 1180
project for which plans are approved and to deny a permit to a 1181
person whose plans have been disapproved; 1182

(4) Establish procedures for the issuance of the permits; 1183

(5) Establish procedures under which a person may appeal 1184
the denial of a permit. 1185

Areas of less than one contiguous acre shall not be exempt 1186
from compliance with other provisions of this section or rules 1187
adopted under this section. The rules adopted under this section 1188
may impose reasonable filing fees for plan review, permit 1189
processing, and field inspections. 1190

No permit or plan shall be required for a public highway, 1191

transportation, or drainage improvement or maintenance project 1192
undertaken by a government agency or political subdivision in 1193
accordance with a statement of its standard sediment control 1194
policies that is approved by the board or the chief of the 1195
division of soil and water resources in the department of 1196
natural resources. 1197

(B) Rules or amendments may be adopted under this section 1198
only after public hearings at not fewer than two regular 1199
sessions of the board of township trustees. The board shall 1200
~~cause to be published, in a newspaper of general circulation in~~ 1201
~~the township,~~ publish notice of the public hearings, including 1202
time, date, and place, once a week for two weeks immediately 1203
preceding the hearings, ~~or as provided in section 7.16 of the~~ 1204
~~Revised Code~~ using at least one of the following methods: 1205

(1) In a newspaper of general circulation in the township; 1206

(2) On the official public notice web site established 1207
under section 125.182 of the Revised Code; 1208

(3) On the web site and social media account of the 1209
township. ~~The~~ 1210

The proposed rules or amendments shall be made available 1211
by the board to the public at the board office or other location 1212
indicated in the notice. The rules or amendments shall take 1213
effect on the thirty-first day following the date of their 1214
adoption. 1215

(C) The board of township trustees may employ personnel to 1216
assist in the administration of this section and the rules 1217
adopted under it. The board also, if the action does not 1218
conflict with the rules, may delegate duties to review sediment 1219
control and water management plans to its employees, and may 1220

enter into agreements with one or more political subdivisions, 1221
other township officials, or other government agencies, in any 1222
combination, in order to obtain reviews and comments on plans 1223
governing erosion control, sediment control, and water 1224
management or to obtain other services for the administration of 1225
the rules adopted under this section. 1226

(D) The board of township trustees or any duly authorized 1227
representative of the board may, upon identification to the 1228
owner or person in charge, enter any land upon obtaining 1229
agreement with the owner, tenant, or manager of the land in 1230
order to determine whether there is compliance with the rules 1231
adopted under this section. If the board or its duly authorized 1232
representative is unable to obtain such an agreement, the board 1233
or representative may apply for, and a judge of the court of 1234
common pleas for the county where the land is located may issue, 1235
an appropriate inspection warrant as necessary to achieve the 1236
purposes of this section. 1237

(E) (1) If the board of township trustees or its duly 1238
authorized representative determines that a violation of the 1239
rules adopted under this section exists, the board or 1240
representative may issue an immediate stop work order if the 1241
violator failed to obtain any federal, state, or local permit 1242
necessary for sediment and erosion control, earth movement, 1243
clearing, or cut and fill activity. In addition, if the board or 1244
representative determines such a rule violation exists, 1245
regardless of whether or not the violator has obtained the 1246
proper permits, the board or representative may authorize the 1247
issuance of a notice of violation. If, after a period of not 1248
less than thirty days has elapsed following the issuance of the 1249
notice of violation, the violation continues, the board or its 1250
duly authorized representative shall issue a second notice of 1251

violation. Except as provided in division (E) (3) of this 1252
section, if, after a period of not less than fifteen days has 1253
elapsed following the issuance of the second notice of 1254
violation, the violation continues, the board or its duly 1255
authorized representative may issue a stop work order after 1256
first obtaining the written approval of the prosecuting attorney 1257
of the county in which the township is located if, in the 1258
opinion of the prosecuting attorney, the violation is egregious. 1259

Once a stop work order is issued, the board or its duly 1260
authorized representative shall request, in writing, the 1261
prosecuting attorney to seek an injunction or other appropriate 1262
relief in the court of common pleas to abate excessive erosion 1263
or sedimentation and secure compliance with the rules adopted 1264
under this section. If the prosecuting attorney seeks an 1265
injunction or other appropriate relief, then, in granting 1266
relief, the court of common pleas may order the construction of 1267
sediment control improvements or implementation of other control 1268
measures and may assess a civil fine of not less than one 1269
hundred or more than five hundred dollars. Each day of violation 1270
of a rule or stop work order issued under this section shall be 1271
considered a separate violation subject to a civil fine. 1272

(2) The person to whom a stop work order is issued under 1273
this section may appeal the order to the court of common pleas 1274
of the county in which it was issued, seeking any equitable or 1275
other appropriate relief from that order. 1276

(3) No stop work order shall be issued under this section 1277
against any public highway, transportation, or drainage 1278
improvement or maintenance project undertaken by a government 1279
agency or political subdivision in accordance with a statement 1280
of its standard sediment control policies that is approved by 1281

the board or the chief of the division of soil and water 1282
resources in the department of natural resources. 1283

(F) No person shall violate any rule adopted or order 1284
issued under this section. Notwithstanding division (E) of this 1285
section, if the board of township trustees determines that a 1286
violation of any rule adopted or administrative order issued 1287
under this section exists, the board may request, in writing, 1288
the prosecuting attorney of the county in which the township is 1289
located, to seek an injunction or other appropriate relief in 1290
the court of common pleas to abate excessive erosion or 1291
sedimentation and secure compliance with the rules or order. In 1292
granting relief, the court of common pleas may order the 1293
construction of sediment control improvements or implementation 1294
of other control measures and may assess a civil fine of not 1295
less than one hundred or more than five hundred dollars. Each 1296
day of violation of a rule adopted or administrative order 1297
issued under this section shall be considered a separate 1298
violation subject to a civil fine. 1299

Sec. 505.07. Notwithstanding any contrary provision in 1300
another section of the Revised Code, section 519.12 of the 1301
Revised Code, or any vote of the electors on a petition for 1302
zoning referendum, a township may settle any court action by a 1303
consent decree or court-approved settlement agreement which may 1304
include an agreement to rezone any property involved in the 1305
action as provided in the decree or court-approved settlement 1306
agreement without following the procedures in section 519.12 of 1307
the Revised Code and also may include township approval of a 1308
development plan for any property involved in the action as 1309
provided in the decree or court-approved settlement agreement, 1310
provided that the court makes specific findings of fact that 1311
notice has been properly made pursuant to this section and the 1312

consent decree or court-approved settlement agreement is fair 1313
and reasonable. 1314

If the subject of the consent decree or court-approved 1315
settlement agreement involves a zoning issue subject to 1316
referendum under section 519.12 of the Revised Code, the board 1317
of township trustees shall publish notice of their intent to 1318
meet and consider and take action on the decree or court- 1319
approved settlement agreement and the date and time of the 1320
meeting ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the township at~~ 1321
least fifteen days before the meeting, using at least one of the 1322
following methods: 1323

(A) In a newspaper of general circulation in the township; 1324

(B) On the official public notice web site established 1325
under section 125.182 of the Revised Code; 1326

(C) On the web site and social media account of the 1327
township. The 1328

The board shall permit members of the public to express 1329
their objections to the consent decree or court-approved 1330
settlement agreement at the meeting. Copies of the proposed 1331
consent decree or court-approved settlement agreement shall be 1332
available to the public at the township fiscal officer's office 1333
during normal business hours. 1334

At least ten days prior to the submission of a proposed 1335
consent decree or settlement agreement to the court for its 1336
review and consideration, the plaintiff in the action involving 1337
the consent decree or settlement agreement shall publish a 1338
notice that shall include the caption of the case, the case 1339
number, and the court in which the consent decree or settlement 1340
agreement will be filed, the intention of the parties in the 1341

action to file a consent decree or settlement agreement, and, 1342
when applicable, a description of the real property involved and 1343
the proposed change in zoning or permitted use, in a newspaper 1344
of general circulation in the township. 1345

Sec. 505.10. (A) The board of township trustees may 1346
accept, on behalf of the township, the donation by bequest, 1347
devise, deed of gift, or otherwise, of any real or personal 1348
property for any township use. When the township has property, 1349
including motor vehicles, road machinery, equipment, and tools, 1350
that the board, by resolution, finds is not needed for public 1351
use, is obsolete, or is unfit for the use for which it was 1352
acquired, the board may sell and convey that property or 1353
otherwise dispose of it in accordance with this section. Except 1354
as otherwise provided in sections 505.08, 505.101, and 505.102 1355
of the Revised Code, the sale or other disposition of unneeded, 1356
obsolete, or unfit-for-use property shall be made in accordance 1357
with one of the following: 1358

(1) If the fair market value of property to be sold is, in 1359
the opinion of the board, in excess of two thousand five hundred 1360
dollars, the sale shall be by public auction or by sealed bid to 1361
the highest bidder. The board shall publish notice of the time, 1362
place, and manner of the sale once a week for two weeks ~~in using~~ 1363
at least one of the following methods: 1364

(a) In a newspaper published, or of general circulation, 1365
in the township, ~~and;~~ 1366

(b) On the official public notice web site established 1367
under section 125.182 of the Revised Code; 1368

(c) On the web site and social media account of the 1369
township. 1370

The board shall post a typewritten or printed notice of 1371
the time, place, and manner of the sale in the office of the 1372
board for at least ten days prior to the sale. The board may 1373
also cause notice to be inserted in trade papers or other 1374
publications designated by it or to be distributed by electronic 1375
means, including posting the notice on the board's internet web 1376
site. ~~If the board posts the notice on its web site, it may~~ 1377
~~eliminate the second notice otherwise required to be published~~ 1378
~~in a newspaper published or of general circulation in the~~ 1379
~~township, provided that the first notice published in such~~ 1380
~~newspaper meets all of the following requirements:~~ 1381

~~(a) It is published at least two weeks before the sale of~~ 1382
~~the property.~~ 1383

~~(b) It includes a statement that the notice is posted on~~ 1384
~~the board's internet web site.~~ 1385

~~(c) It includes the internet address of the board's~~ 1386
~~internet web site.~~ 1387

~~(d) It includes instructions describing how the notice may~~ 1388
~~be accessed on the board's internet web site.~~ 1389

If the board conducts the sale of the property by sealed 1390
bid, the form of the bid shall be as prescribed by the board, 1391
and each bid shall contain the name of the person submitting it. 1392
Bids received shall be opened and tabulated at the time stated 1393
in the published and posted notices. The property shall be sold 1394
to the highest bidder, except that the board may reject all bids 1395
and hold another sale, by public auction or sealed bid, in the 1396
manner prescribed by this section. 1397

(2) If the fair market value of property to be sold is, in 1398
the opinion of the board, two thousand five hundred dollars or 1399

less, the board may do either of the following: 1400

(a) Sell the property by private sale, without 1401
advertisement or public notification; 1402

(b) Donate the property to an eligible nonprofit 1403
organization that is located in this state and is exempt from 1404
federal income taxation pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 501(a) and (c) (3). 1405

Before donating property, the nonprofit organization shall 1406
provide the board evidence that the organization is located in 1407
this state and is exempt from federal income taxation pursuant 1408
to 26 U.S.C. 501(a) and (c) (3). 1409

(3) If the board finds, by resolution, that the township 1410
has motor vehicles, road machinery, equipment, or tools that are 1411
not needed or are unfit for public use, and the board wishes to 1412
sell the motor vehicles, road machinery, equipment, or tools to 1413
the person or firm from which it proposes to purchase other 1414
motor vehicles, road machinery, equipment, or tools, the board 1415
may offer to sell the motor vehicles, road machinery, equipment, 1416
or tools to that person or firm, and to have the selling price 1417
credited to the person or firm against the purchase price of 1418
other motor vehicles, road machinery, equipment, or tools. 1419

(4) If the board advertises for bids for the sale of new 1420
motor vehicles, road machinery, equipment, or tools to the 1421
township, it may include in the same advertisement a notice of 1422
the willingness of the board to accept bids for the purchase of 1423
township-owned motor vehicles, road machinery, equipment, or 1424
tools that are obsolete or not needed for public use, and to 1425
have the amount of those bids subtracted from the selling price 1426
of the new motor vehicles, road machinery, equipment, or tools, 1427
as a means of determining the lowest responsible bidder. 1428

(5) When a township has title to real property, the board 1429
of township trustees, by resolution, may authorize the transfer 1430
and conveyance of that property to any other political 1431
subdivision of the state upon such terms as are agreed to 1432
between the board and the legislative authority of that 1433
political subdivision. 1434

(6) When a township has title to real property and the 1435
board of township trustees wishes to sell or otherwise transfer 1436
the property, the board, upon a unanimous vote of its members 1437
and by resolution, may authorize the transfer and conveyance of 1438
that real property to any person upon whatever terms are agreed 1439
to between the board and that person. 1440

(7) If the board of township trustees determines that 1441
township personal property is not needed for public use, or is 1442
obsolete or unfit for the use for which it was acquired, and 1443
that the property has no value, the board may discard or salvage 1444
that property. 1445

(B) When the board has offered property at public auction 1446
under this section and has not received an acceptable offer, the 1447
board, by resolution, may enter into a contract, without 1448
advertising or bidding, for the sale of that property. The 1449
resolution shall specify a minimum acceptable price and the 1450
minimum acceptable terms for the contract. The minimum 1451
acceptable price shall not be lower than the minimum price 1452
established for the public auction. 1453

(C) Members of the board shall consult with the Ohio 1454
ethics commission and comply with the provisions of Chapters 1455
102. and 2921. of the Revised Code, with respect to any sale or 1456
donation under division (A)(2) of this section to a nonprofit 1457
organization of which a township trustee, any member of the 1458

township trustee's family, or any business associate of the 1459
township trustee is a trustee, officer, board member, or 1460
employee. 1461

(D) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in division 1462
(A) or (B) of this section and regardless of the property's 1463
value, the board may sell personal property, including motor 1464
vehicles, road machinery, equipment, tools, or supplies, that is 1465
not needed for public use, is obsolete, or is unfit for the use 1466
for which it was acquired, by internet auction. The board shall 1467
adopt, during each calendar year, a resolution expressing its 1468
intent to sell that property by internet auction. The resolution 1469
shall include a description of how the auctions will be 1470
conducted and shall specify the number of days for bidding on 1471
the property, which shall be no less than ten days, including 1472
Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays. The resolution shall 1473
indicate whether the township will conduct the auction or the 1474
board will contract with a representative to conduct the auction 1475
and shall establish the general terms and conditions of sale. If 1476
a representative is known when the resolution is adopted, the 1477
resolution shall provide contact information such as the 1478
representative's name, address, and telephone number. 1479

After adoption of the resolution, the board shall publish, ~~7~~ 1480
~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the township,~~ notice of 1481
its intent to sell unneeded, obsolete, or unfit-for-use township 1482
personal property by internet auction, using at least one of the 1483
following methods: 1484

(1) In a newspaper of general circulation in the township; 1485

(2) On the official public notice web site established 1486
under section 125.182 of the Revised Code; 1487

(3) On the web site and social media account of the 1488
township. The 1489

The notice shall include a summary of the information 1490
provided in the resolution and shall be published at least 1491
twice. A similar notice also shall be posted continually 1492
throughout the calendar year in a conspicuous place in the 1493
board's office. The board may also cause notice to be inserted 1494
in trade papers or other publications designated by it or to be 1495
distributed by electronic means, including posting the notice on 1496
the board's internet web site. ~~If the board posts the notice on~~ 1497
~~its web site, it may eliminate the second notice otherwise~~ 1498
~~required to be published in a newspaper of general circulation~~ 1499
~~in the township, provided that the first notice published in~~ 1500
~~such newspaper meets all of the following requirements:~~ 1501

~~(1) It is published at least two weeks before the internet~~ 1502
~~auction begins.~~ 1503

~~(2) It includes a statement that the notice is posted on~~ 1504
~~the board's internet web site.~~ 1505

~~(3) It includes the internet address of the board's~~ 1506
~~internet web site.~~ 1507

~~(4) It includes instructions describing how the notice may~~ 1508
~~be accessed on the board's internet web site.~~ 1509

When property is to be sold by internet auction, the board 1510
or its representative may establish a minimum price that will be 1511
accepted for specific items and may establish any other terms 1512
and conditions for the particular sale, including requirements 1513
for pick-up or delivery, method of payment, and sales tax. This 1514
type of information shall be provided on the internet at the 1515
time of the auction and may be provided before that time upon 1516

request, after the terms and conditions have been determined by 1517
the board or its representative. 1518

Sec. 505.17. (A) Except in a township or portion of a 1519
township that is within the limits of a municipal corporation, 1520
the board of township trustees may make regulations and orders 1521
as are necessary to control passenger car, motorcycle, and 1522
internal combustion engine noise, as permitted under section 1523
4513.221 of the Revised Code, and all vehicle parking in the 1524
township. This authorization includes, among other powers, the 1525
power to regulate parking on established roadways proximate to 1526
buildings on private property as necessary to provide access to 1527
the property by public safety vehicles and equipment, if the 1528
property is used for commercial purposes, the public is 1529
permitted to use the parking area, and accommodation for more 1530
than ten motor vehicles is provided, and the power to authorize 1531
the issuance of orders limiting or prohibiting parking on any 1532
township street or highway during a snow emergency declared 1533
pursuant to a snow-emergency authorization adopted under this 1534
division. All such regulations and orders shall be subject to 1535
the limitations, restrictions, and exceptions in sections 1536
4511.01 to 4511.76 and 4513.02 to 4513.37 of the Revised Code. 1537

A board of township trustees may adopt a general snow- 1538
emergency authorization, which becomes effective under division 1539
(B) (1) of this section, allowing the president of the board or 1540
some other person specified in the authorization to issue an 1541
order declaring a snow emergency and limiting or prohibiting 1542
parking on any township street or highway during the snow 1543
emergency. Any such order becomes effective under division (B) 1544
(2) of this section. Each general snow-emergency authorization 1545
adopted under this division shall specify the weather conditions 1546
under which a snow emergency may be declared in that township. 1547

(B) (1) All regulations and orders, including any snow- 1548
emergency authorization established by the board under this 1549
section, except for an order declaring a snow emergency as 1550
provided in division (B) (2) of this section, shall be posted by 1551
the township fiscal officer in five conspicuous public places in 1552
the township for thirty days before becoming effective, and 1553
shall be published ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the~~ 1554
~~township~~ for three consecutive weeks ~~or as provided in section~~ 1555
~~7.16 of the Revised Code~~ using at least one of the following 1556
methods: 1557

(a) In a newspaper of general circulation in the township; 1558

(b) On the official public notice web site established 1559
under section 125.182 of the Revised Code; 1560

(c) On the web site and social media account of the 1561
township. In- 1562

In addition to these requirements, no general snow- 1563
emergency authorization shall become effective until permanent 1564
signs giving notice that parking is limited or prohibited during 1565
a snow emergency are properly posted, in accordance with any 1566
applicable standards adopted by the department of 1567
transportation, along streets or highways specified in the 1568
authorization. 1569

(2) Pursuant to the adoption of a snow-emergency 1570
authorization under this section, an order declaring a snow 1571
emergency becomes effective two hours after the president of the 1572
board or the other person specified in the general snow- 1573
emergency authorization makes an announcement of a snow 1574
emergency to the local news media. The president or other 1575
specified person shall request the local news media to announce 1576

that a snow emergency has been declared, the time the 1577
declaration will go into effect, and whether the snow emergency 1578
will remain in effect for a specified period of time or 1579
indefinitely until canceled by a subsequent announcement to the 1580
local news media by the president or other specified person. 1581

(C) Such regulations and orders may be enforced where 1582
traffic control devices conforming to section 4511.09 of the 1583
Revised Code are prominently displayed. Parking regulations 1584
authorized by this section do not apply to any state highway 1585
unless the parking regulations are approved by the director of 1586
transportation. 1587

(D) A board of township trustees or its designated agent 1588
may order into storage any vehicle parked in violation of a 1589
township parking regulation or order, if the violation is not 1590
one that is required to be handled pursuant to Chapter 4521. of 1591
the Revised Code. The owner or any lienholder of a vehicle 1592
ordered into storage may claim the vehicle upon presentation of 1593
proof of ownership, which may be evidenced by a certificate of 1594
title to the vehicle, and payment of all expenses, charges, and 1595
fines incurred as a result of the parking violation and removal 1596
and storage of the vehicle. 1597

(E) Whoever violates any regulation or order adopted 1598
pursuant to this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor, 1599
unless the township has enacted a regulation pursuant to 1600
division (A) of section 4521.02 of the Revised Code, that 1601
specifies that the violation shall not be considered a criminal 1602
offense and shall be handled pursuant to Chapter 4521. of the 1603
Revised Code. Fines levied and collected under this section 1604
shall be paid into the township general revenue fund. 1605

Sec. 505.26. The board of township trustees may purchase, 1606

appropriate, construct, enlarge, improve, rebuild, repair, 1607
furnish, and equip a township hall, a township park, public 1608
library buildings, and bridges and viaducts over streets, 1609
streams, railroads, or other places where an overhead roadway or 1610
footway is necessary, and such board may acquire sites by lease 1611
or otherwise for any of such improvements, including lands and 1612
buildings for recreational purposes. 1613

The board of township trustees, not for purposes of 1614
recreation, but for the purposes of protecting and preserving 1615
the natural, scenic, open, or wooded condition of land, water, 1616
or wetlands against modification or encroachment resulting from 1617
occupation, development, or other use, may acquire, other than 1618
by appropriation, an ownership interest in land, water, or 1619
wetlands, and may restore and maintain land, water, or wetlands 1620
in which it has such an interest. 1621

If sufficient space for township offices is not available, 1622
the board of township trustees may purchase, lease, or 1623
construct, and furnish, equip, and maintain office space. When 1624
such offices are to be provided by construction, a site upon 1625
which to erect such offices may be acquired by purchase, lease 1626
for twenty-five years or longer, or otherwise. The cost of 1627
providing such office space shall be paid out of funds in the 1628
township treasury. If sufficient funds are not available the 1629
board shall proceed as provided in sections ~~511.01 to 511.03~~ and 1630
511.04 of the Revised Code. 1631

Sec. 505.264. (A) As used in this section, "energy 1632
conservation measure" means an installation or modification of 1633
an installation in, or remodeling of, an existing building, to 1634
reduce energy consumption. It includes the following: 1635

(1) Insulation of the building structure and of systems 1636

within the building;	1637
(2) Storm windows and doors, multiglazed windows and	1638
doors, heat-absorbing or heat-reflective glazed and coated	1639
window and door systems, additional glazing, reductions in glass	1640
area, and other window and door system modifications that reduce	1641
energy consumption;	1642
(3) Automatic energy control systems;	1643
(4) Heating, ventilating, or air conditioning system	1644
modifications or replacements;	1645
(5) Caulking and weatherstripping;	1646
(6) Replacement or modification of lighting fixtures to	1647
increase the energy efficiency of the system without increasing	1648
the overall illumination of a facility, unless an increase in	1649
illumination is necessary to conform to the applicable state or	1650
local building code for the proposed lighting system;	1651
(7) Energy recovery systems;	1652
(8) Cogeneration systems that produce steam or forms of	1653
energy such as heat, as well as electricity, for use primarily	1654
within a building or complex of buildings;	1655
(9) Any other modification, installation, or remodeling	1656
approved by the board of township trustees as an energy	1657
conservation measure.	1658
(B) For the purpose of evaluating township buildings for	1659
energy conservation measures, a township may contract with an	1660
architect, professional engineer, energy services company,	1661
contractor, or other person experienced in the design and	1662
implementation of energy conservation measures for a report that	1663
analyzes the buildings' energy needs and presents	1664

recommendations for building installations, modifications of 1665
existing installations, or building remodeling that would 1666
significantly reduce energy consumption in the buildings owned 1667
by that township. The report shall include estimates of all 1668
costs of the installations, modifications, or remodeling, 1669
including costs of design, engineering, installation, 1670
maintenance, and repairs, and estimates of the amounts by which 1671
energy consumption could be reduced. 1672

(C) A township desiring to implement energy conservation 1673
measures may proceed under either of the following methods: 1674

(1) Using a report or any part of a report prepared under 1675
division (B) of this section, advertise for bids and comply with 1676
the bidding procedures set forth in sections 307.86 to 307.92 of 1677
the Revised Code; 1678

(2) Request proposals from at least three vendors for the 1679
implementation of energy conservation measures. ~~Prior to~~ Before 1680
sending any installer of energy conservation measures a copy of 1681
any such request, the township shall advertise its intent to 1682
request proposals for the installation of energy conservation 1683
measures ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the township~~ 1684
~~once a week for two consecutive weeks or as provided in section~~ 1685
~~7.16 of the Revised Code~~ using at least one of the following 1686
methods: 1687

(a) In a newspaper of general circulation in the township; 1688

(b) On the official public notice web site established 1689
under section 125.182 of the Revised Code; 1690

(c) On the web site and social media account of the 1691
township. The 1692

The notice shall state that the township intends to 1693

request proposals for the installation of energy conservation 1694
measures; indicate the date, which shall be at least ten days 1695
after the second publication, on which the request for proposals 1696
will be mailed to installers of energy conservation measures; 1697
and state that any installer of energy conservation measures 1698
interested in receiving the request for proposal shall submit 1699
written notice to the township not later than noon of the day on 1700
which the request for proposal will be mailed. 1701

Upon receiving the proposals, the township shall analyze 1702
them and select the proposal or proposals most likely to result 1703
in the greatest energy savings considering the cost of the 1704
project and the township's ability to pay for the improvements 1705
with current revenues or by financing the improvements. The 1706
awarding of a contract to install energy conservation measures 1707
under division (C) (2) of this section shall be conditioned upon 1708
a finding by the township that the amount of money spent on 1709
energy savings measures is not likely to exceed the amount of 1710
money the township would save in energy and operating costs over 1711
ten years or a lesser period as determined by the township or, 1712
in the case of contracts for cogeneration systems, over five 1713
years or a lesser period as determined by the township. Nothing 1714
in this section prohibits a township from rejecting all 1715
proposals or from selecting more than one proposal. 1716

(D) A board of township trustees may enter into an 1717
installment payment contract for the purchase and installation 1718
of energy conservation measures. Any provisions of those 1719
installment payment contracts that deal with interest charges 1720
and financing terms shall not be subject to the competitive 1721
bidding procedures of section 307.86 of the Revised Code. Unless 1722
otherwise approved by a resolution of the board, an installment 1723
payment contract entered into by a board of township trustees 1724

under this section shall require the board to contract in 1725
accordance with the procedures set forth in section 307.86 of 1726
the Revised Code for the installation, modification, or 1727
remodeling of energy conservation measures pursuant to this 1728
section. 1729

(E) The board may issue securities of the township 1730
specifying the terms of the purchase and securing the deferred 1731
payments, payable at the times provided and bearing interest at 1732
a rate not exceeding the rate determined as provided in section 1733
9.95 of the Revised Code. The maximum maturity of the securities 1734
shall be as provided in division (B) (7) (g) of section 133.20 of 1735
the Revised Code. The securities may contain an option for 1736
prepayment and shall not be subject to Chapter 133. of the 1737
Revised Code. Revenues derived from local taxes or otherwise, 1738
for the purpose of conserving energy or for defraying the 1739
current operating expenses of the township, may be applied to 1740
the payment of interest and the retirement of the securities. 1741
The securities may be sold at private sale or given to the 1742
contractor under the installment payment contract authorized by 1743
division (D) of this section. 1744

(F) Debt incurred under this section shall not be included 1745
in the calculation of the net indebtedness of a township under 1746
section 133.09 of the Revised Code. 1747

Sec. 505.28. The board of township trustees may create a 1748
waste disposal district under sections 505.27 to 505.33 of the 1749
Revised Code, by a unanimous vote of the board and give notice 1750
thereof by ~~a~~ publication in using at least one of the following 1751
methods: 1752

(A) In a newspaper of general circulation in the township; 1753

(B) On the official public notice web site established 1754
under section 125.182 of the Revised Code; 1755

(C) On the web site and social media account of the 1756
township. If, 1757

If, within thirty days after such publication, a protest 1758
petition is filed with the board, signed by at least fifty per 1759
cent of the electors residing in the district, the act of the 1760
board in creating such district shall be void. If a petition is 1761
filed with the board asking for the creation of such a district 1762
in the township, accompanied by a map clearly showing the 1763
boundaries of such district, and signed by at least sixty-five 1764
per cent of the electors residing therein, with addresses of 1765
such signers, the board shall, within sixty days, create such a 1766
district. 1767

Each district shall be given a name, and the entire cost 1768
of any necessary equipment and labor shall be apportioned 1769
against each district by the respective boards. 1770

Sec. 505.37. (A) The board of township trustees may 1771
establish all necessary rules to guard against the occurrence of 1772
fires and to protect the property and lives of the citizens 1773
against damage and accidents, and may, ~~with the approval of the~~ 1774
~~specifications by the prosecuting attorney or, if the township~~ 1775
~~has adopted limited home rule government under Chapter 504. of~~ 1776
~~the Revised Code, with the approval of the specifications by the~~ 1777
~~township's law director,~~ purchase, lease, lease with an option 1778
to purchase, or otherwise provide any fire apparatus, mechanical 1779
resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or 1780
other fire equipment, appliances, materials, fire hydrants, and 1781
water supply for fire-fighting and fire and rescue purposes that 1782
seems advisable to the board. The board shall provide for the 1783

care and maintenance of such fire equipment, and, for these 1784
purposes, may purchase, lease, lease with an option to purchase, 1785
or construct and maintain necessary buildings, and it may 1786
establish and maintain lines of fire-alarm communications within 1787
the limits of the township. The board may employ one or more 1788
persons to maintain and operate such fire equipment, or it may 1789
enter into an agreement with a volunteer fire company for the 1790
use and operation of the equipment. The board may compensate the 1791
members of a volunteer fire company on any basis and in any 1792
amount that it considers equitable. 1793

When the estimated cost to purchase fire apparatus, 1794
mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery 1795
equipment, or other fire equipment, appliances, materials, fire 1796
hydrants, buildings, or fire-alarm communications equipment or 1797
services exceeds the amount specified in section 9.17 of the 1798
Revised Code, the contract shall be let by competitive bidding. 1799
No purchase or other transaction subject to this section shall 1800
be divided into component parts in order to avoid the 1801
requirements of this section. When competitive bidding is 1802
required, the board shall advertise once a week for not less 1803
than two consecutive weeks in using at least one of the 1804
following methods: 1805

(1) In a newspaper of general circulation within the 1806
township; 1807

(2) On the official public notice web site established 1808
under section 125.182 of the Revised Code; 1809

(3) On the web site and social media account of the 1810
township. ~~The~~ 1811

The board may also cause notice to be inserted in trade 1812

papers or other publications designated by it or to be 1813
distributed by electronic means, including posting the notice on 1814
the board's internet web site. ~~If the board posts the notice on-~~ 1815
~~its web site, it may eliminate the second notice otherwise-~~ 1816
~~required to be published in a newspaper of general circulation-~~ 1817
~~within the township, provided that the first notice published in-~~ 1818
~~such newspaper meets all of the following requirements:-~~ 1819

~~(1) It is published at least two weeks before the opening-~~ 1820
~~of bids.-~~ 1821

~~(2) It includes a statement that the notice is posted on-~~ 1822
~~the board's internet web site.-~~ 1823

~~(3) It includes the internet address of the board's-~~ 1824
~~internet web site.-~~ 1825

~~(4) It includes instructions describing how the notice may-~~ 1826
~~be accessed on the board's internet web site.-~~ 1827

The advertisement shall include the time, date, and place 1828
where the clerk of the township, or the clerk's designee, will 1829
read bids publicly. The time, date, and place of bid openings 1830
may be extended to a later date by the board of township 1831
trustees, provided that written or oral notice of the change 1832
shall be given to all persons who have received or requested 1833
specifications not later than ninety-six hours prior to the 1834
original time and date fixed for the opening. The board may 1835
reject all the bids or accept the lowest and best bid, provided 1836
that the successful bidder meets the requirements of section 1837
153.54 of the Revised Code when the contract is for the 1838
construction, demolition, alteration, repair, or reconstruction 1839
of an improvement. 1840

(B) The boards of township trustees of any two or more 1841

townships, or the legislative authorities of any two or more 1842
political subdivisions, or any combination of these, may, 1843
through joint action, unite in the joint purchase, lease, lease 1844
with an option to purchase, maintenance, use, and operation of 1845
fire equipment described in division (A) of this section, or for 1846
any other purpose designated in sections 505.37 to 505.42 of the 1847
Revised Code, and may prorate the expense of the joint action on 1848
any terms that are mutually agreed upon. 1849

(C) The board of township trustees of any township may, by 1850
resolution, whenever it is expedient and necessary to guard 1851
against the occurrence of fires or to protect the property and 1852
lives of the citizens against damages resulting from their 1853
occurrence, create a fire district of any portions of the 1854
township that it considers necessary. The board may purchase, 1855
lease, lease with an option to purchase, or otherwise provide 1856
any fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue 1857
and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment, appliances, 1858
materials, fire hydrants, and water supply for fire-fighting and 1859
fire and rescue purposes, or may contract for the fire 1860
protection for the fire district as provided in section 9.60 of 1861
the Revised Code. The fire district so created shall be given a 1862
separate name by which it shall be known. 1863

Additional unincorporated territory of the township may be 1864
added to a fire district upon the board's adoption of a 1865
resolution authorizing the addition. A municipal corporation, or 1866
a portion of a municipal corporation, that is within or 1867
adjoining the township may be added to a fire district upon the 1868
board's adoption of a resolution authorizing the addition and 1869
the municipal legislative authority's adoption of a resolution 1870
or ordinance requesting the addition of the municipal 1871
corporation or a portion of the municipal corporation to the 1872

fire district. 1873

If the township fire district imposes a tax, additional 1874
unincorporated territory of the township or a municipal 1875
corporation or a portion of a municipal corporation that is 1876
within or adjoining the township shall become part of the fire 1877
district only after all of the following have occurred: 1878

(1) Adoption by the board of township trustees of a 1879
resolution approving the expansion of the territorial limits of 1880
the district and, if the resolution proposes to add a municipal 1881
corporation or a portion of a municipal corporation, adoption by 1882
the municipal legislative authority of a resolution or ordinance 1883
requesting the addition of the municipal corporation or a 1884
portion of the municipal corporation to the district; 1885

(2) Adoption by the board of township trustees of a 1886
resolution recommending the extension of the tax to the 1887
additional territory; 1888

(3) The board requests and obtains from the county auditor 1889
the information required for a tax levy under section 5705.03 of 1890
the Revised Code, in the manner prescribed in that section, 1891
except that the levy's annual collections shall be estimated 1892
assuming that the additional territory has been added to the 1893
fire district. 1894

(4) Approval of the tax by the electors of the territory 1895
proposed for addition to the district. 1896

Each resolution of the board adopted under division (C) (2) 1897
of this section shall state the name of the fire district, a 1898
description of the territory to be added, the rate, expressed in 1899
mills for each one dollar of taxable value, the estimated 1900
effective rate, expressed in dollars for each one hundred 1901

thousand dollars of the county auditor's appraised value, and 1902
termination date of the tax, which shall be the rate, estimated 1903
effective rate, and termination date of the tax currently in 1904
effect in the fire district. 1905

The board of trustees shall certify each resolution 1906
adopted under division (C) (2) of this section and the county 1907
auditor's certification under division (C) (3) of this section to 1908
the board of elections in accordance with section 5705.19 of the 1909
Revised Code. The election required under division (C) (4) of 1910
this section shall be held, canvassed, and certified in the 1911
manner provided for the submission of tax levies under section 1912
5705.25 of the Revised Code, except that the question appearing 1913
on the ballot shall read: 1914

"Shall the territory within _____ 1915
(description of the proposed territory to be added) be added to 1916
_____ (name) fire district, and a property 1917
tax, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$ _____ 1918
annually, at a rate not exceeding _____ mills for each \$1 of 1919
taxable value, which amounts to \$ _____ (here insert 1920
estimated effective rate) for each \$100,000 of the county 1921
auditor's appraised value, be in effect for _____ (here 1922
insert the number of years the tax is to be in effect or "a 1923
continuing period of time," as applicable)?" 1924

If the question is approved by at least a majority of the 1925
electors voting on it, the joinder shall be effective as of the 1926
first day of July of the year following approval, and on that 1927
date, the township fire district tax shall be extended to the 1928
taxable property within the territory that has been added. If 1929
the territory that has been added is a municipal corporation or 1930
portion thereof and if it had adopted a tax levy for fire 1931

purposes, the levy is terminated on the effective date of the 1932
joinder in the area of the municipal corporation added to the 1933
district. 1934

Any municipal corporation may withdraw from a township 1935
fire district created under division (C) of this section by the 1936
adoption by the municipal legislative authority of a resolution 1937
or ordinance ordering withdrawal. On the first day of July of 1938
the year following the adoption of the resolution or ordinance 1939
of withdrawal, the withdrawing municipal corporation or the 1940
portion thereof ceases to be a part of the district, and the 1941
power of the fire district to levy a tax upon taxable property 1942
in the withdrawing municipal corporation or the portion thereof 1943
terminates, except that the fire district shall continue to levy 1944
and collect taxes for the payment of indebtedness within the 1945
territory of the fire district as it was composed at the time 1946
the indebtedness was incurred. 1947

Upon the withdrawal of any municipal corporation from a 1948
township fire district created under division (C) of this 1949
section, the county auditor shall ascertain, apportion, and 1950
order a division of the funds on hand, moneys and taxes in the 1951
process of collection except for taxes levied for the payment of 1952
indebtedness, credits, and real and personal property, either in 1953
money or in kind, on the basis of the valuation of the 1954
respective tax duplicates of the withdrawing municipal 1955
corporation and the remaining territory of the fire district. 1956

A board of township trustees may remove unincorporated 1957
territory of the township from the fire district upon the 1958
adoption of a resolution authorizing the removal. On the first 1959
day of July of the year following the adoption of the 1960
resolution, the unincorporated township territory described in 1961

the resolution ceases to be a part of the district, and the 1962
power of the fire district to levy a tax upon taxable property 1963
in that territory terminates, except that the fire district 1964
shall continue to levy and collect taxes for the payment of 1965
indebtedness within the territory of the fire district as it was 1966
composed at the time the indebtedness was incurred. 1967

As used in this section, "the county auditor's appraised 1968
value" and "estimated effective rate" have the same meanings as 1969
in section 5705.01 of the Revised Code. 1970

(D) The board of township trustees of any township, the 1971
board of fire district trustees of a fire district created under 1972
section 505.371 of the Revised Code, or the legislative 1973
authority of any municipal corporation may purchase, lease, or 1974
lease with an option to purchase the necessary fire equipment 1975
described in division (A) of this section, buildings, and sites 1976
for the township, fire district, or municipal corporation and 1977
issue securities for that purpose with maximum maturities as 1978
provided in section 133.20 of the Revised Code. The board of 1979
township trustees, board of fire district trustees, or 1980
legislative authority may also construct any buildings necessary 1981
to house fire equipment and issue securities for that purpose 1982
with maximum maturities as provided in section 133.20 of the 1983
Revised Code. 1984

The board of township trustees, board of fire district 1985
trustees, or legislative authority may issue the securities of 1986
the township, fire district, or municipal corporation, signed by 1987
the board or designated officer of the municipal corporation and 1988
attested by the signature of the township fiscal officer, fire 1989
district clerk, or municipal clerk, covering any deferred 1990
payments and payable at the times provided, which securities 1991

shall bear interest not to exceed the rate determined as 1992
provided in section 9.95 of the Revised Code, and shall not be 1993
subject to Chapter 133. of the Revised Code. The legislation 1994
authorizing the issuance of the securities shall provide for 1995
levying and collecting annually by taxation, amounts sufficient 1996
to pay the interest on and principal of the securities. The 1997
securities shall be offered for sale on the open market or given 1998
to the vendor or contractor if no sale is made. 1999

Section 505.40 of the Revised Code does not apply to any 2000
securities issued, or any lease with an option to purchase 2001
entered into, in accordance with this division. 2002

(E) A board of township trustees of any township or a 2003
board of fire district trustees of a fire district created under 2004
section 505.371 of the Revised Code may purchase a policy or 2005
policies of liability insurance for the officers, employees, and 2006
appointees of the fire department, fire district, or joint fire 2007
district governed by the board that includes personal injury 2008
liability coverage as to the civil liability of those officers, 2009
employees, and appointees for false arrest, detention, or 2010
imprisonment, malicious prosecution, libel, slander, defamation 2011
or other violation of the right of privacy, wrongful entry or 2012
eviction, or other invasion of the right of private occupancy, 2013
arising out of the performance of their duties. 2014

When a board of township trustees cannot, by deed of gift 2015
or by purchase and upon terms it considers reasonable, procure 2016
land for a township fire station that is needed in order to 2017
respond in reasonable time to a fire or medical emergency, the 2018
board may appropriate land for that purpose under sections 2019
163.01 to 163.22 of the Revised Code. If it is necessary to 2020
acquire additional adjacent land for enlarging or improving the 2021

fire station, the board may purchase, appropriate, or accept a 2022
deed of gift for the land for these purposes. 2023

(F) As used in this division, "emergency medical service 2024
organization" has the same meaning as in section 4766.01 of the 2025
Revised Code. 2026

A board of township trustees, by adoption of an 2027
appropriate resolution, may choose to have the state board of 2028
emergency medical, fire, and transportation services license any 2029
emergency medical service organization it operates. If the board 2030
adopts such a resolution, Chapter 4766. of the Revised Code, 2031
except for sections 4766.06 and 4766.99 of the Revised Code, 2032
applies to the organization. All rules adopted under the 2033
applicable sections of that chapter also apply to the 2034
organization. A board of township trustees, by adoption of an 2035
appropriate resolution, may remove its emergency medical service 2036
organization from the jurisdiction of the state board of 2037
emergency medical, fire, and transportation services. 2038

Sec. 505.373. The board of township trustees may, by 2039
resolution, adopt by incorporation by reference a standard code 2040
pertaining to fire, fire hazards, and fire prevention prepared 2041
and promulgated by the state or any department, board, or other 2042
agency of the state, or any such code prepared and promulgated 2043
by a public or private organization that publishes a model or 2044
standard code. 2045

After the adoption of the code by the board, a notice 2046
clearly identifying the code, stating the purpose of the code, 2047
and stating that a complete copy of the code is on file with the 2048
township fiscal officer for inspection by the public and also on 2049
file in the law library of the county in which the township is 2050
located and that the fiscal officer has copies available for 2051

distribution to the public at cost, shall be posted by the 2052
fiscal officer in five conspicuous places in the township for 2053
thirty days before becoming effective. The notice required by 2054
this section shall also be published ~~in a newspaper of general~~ 2055
~~circulation in the township~~ once a week for three consecutive 2056
weeks ~~or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code~~ using at 2057
least one of the following methods: 2058

(A) In a newspaper of general circulation within the 2059
township; 2060

(B) On the official public notice web site established 2061
under section 125.182 of the Revised Code; 2062

(C) On the web site and social media account of the 2063
township. If 2064

If the adopting township amends or deletes any provision 2065
of the code, the notice shall contain a brief summary of the 2066
deletion or amendment. 2067

If the agency that originally promulgated or published the 2068
code thereafter amends the code, any township that has adopted 2069
the code pursuant to this section may adopt the amendment or 2070
change by incorporation by reference in the same manner as 2071
provided for adoption of the original code. 2072

Sec. 505.55. In the event that need for a township police 2073
district ceases to exist, the township trustees by a two-thirds 2074
vote of the board shall adopt a resolution specifying the date 2075
that the township police district shall cease to exist and 2076
provide for the disposal of all property belonging to the 2077
district by public sale. Such sale must be by public auction and 2078
upon notice thereof being published once a week for three weeks 2079
~~in~~ using at least one of the following methods: 2080

(A) In a newspaper of general circulation in such township 2081
or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code; 2082

(B) On the official public notice web site established 2083
under section 125.182 of the Revised Code; 2084

(C) On the web site and social media account of the 2085
township. The 2086

The last of such publications shall be made at least five 2087
days before the date of the sale. Any moneys remaining after the 2088
dissolution of the district or received from the public sale of 2089
property shall be paid into the treasury of the township and may 2090
be expended for any public purpose when duly authorized by the 2091
township board of trustees. 2092

Sec. 505.73. (A) The board of township trustees may, by 2093
resolution, adopt by incorporation by reference, administer, and 2094
enforce within the unincorporated area of the township an 2095
existing structures code pertaining to the repair and continued 2096
maintenance of structures and the premises of those structures. 2097
For that purpose, the board shall adopt any model or standard 2098
code prepared and promulgated by this state, any department, 2099
board, or agency of this state, or any public or private 2100
organization that publishes a recognized model or standard code 2101
on the subject. The board shall ensure that the code adopted 2102
governs subject matter not addressed by the state residential 2103
building code and that it is fully compatible with the state 2104
residential and nonresidential building codes the board of 2105
building standards adopts pursuant to section 3781.10 of the 2106
Revised Code. 2107

(B) The board shall assign the duties of administering and 2108
enforcing the existing structures code to a township officer or 2109

employee who is trained and qualified for those duties and shall 2110
establish by resolution the minimum qualifications necessary to 2111
perform those duties. 2112

(C) (1) After the board adopts an existing structures code, 2113
the township fiscal officer shall post a notice that clearly 2114
identifies the code, states the code's purpose, and states that 2115
a complete copy of the code is on file for inspection by the 2116
public with the fiscal officer and in the county law library and 2117
that the fiscal officer has copies available for distribution to 2118
the public at cost. 2119

(2) The township fiscal officer shall post the notice in 2120
five conspicuous places in the township for thirty days before 2121
the code becomes effective and shall publish the notice ~~in a~~ 2122
~~newspaper of general circulation in the township~~ for three 2123
consecutive weeks ~~or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised~~ 2124
~~Code~~ using at least one of the following methods: 2125

(a) In a newspaper of general circulation within the 2126
township; 2127

(b) On the official public notice web site established 2128
under section 125.182 of the Revised Code; 2129

(c) On the web site and social media account of the 2130
township. ~~If~~ 2131

If the adopting township amends or deletes any provision 2132
of the code, the notice shall contain a brief summary of the 2133
deletion or amendment. 2134

(D) If the agency that originally promulgated or published 2135
the existing structures code amends the code, the board may 2136
adopt the amendment or change by incorporation by reference in 2137
the manner provided for the adoption of the original code. 2138

Sec. 505.75. (A) (1) A board of township trustees may adopt 2139
local residential building regulations governing residential 2140
buildings as defined in section 3781.06 of the Revised Code. No 2141
regulation shall differ from the state residential building code 2142
unless the regulation addresses subject matter not addressed by 2143
the state residential building code or is adopted pursuant to 2144
section 3781.01 of the Revised Code. 2145

(2) The board may adopt regulations that are necessary for 2146
participation in the national flood insurance program and that 2147
do not conflict with the residential and nonresidential building 2148
codes, governing the prohibition, location, erection, 2149
construction, or floodproofing of new buildings or structures, 2150
or substantial improvements to existing buildings or structures, 2151
in unincorporated territory within flood hazard areas identified 2152
under the "Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973," 87 Stat. 975, 2153
42 U.S.C.A. 4002, as amended, including, but not limited to, 2154
residential, commercial, or industrial buildings or structures. 2155

(B) (1) Regulations or amendments to regulations may be 2156
adopted under this section only after a public ~~hearings~~ hearing 2157
at not fewer than two regular or special sessions of the board 2158
of township trustees and upon an affirmative vote of all members 2159
of the board. The board shall cause notice of a public hearing 2160
to be published ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the~~ 2161
~~township~~ once a week for two weeks immediately preceding a 2162
hearing, ~~except that if the board posts the hearing notice on~~ 2163
~~the board's internet site, the board need publish only one~~ 2164
~~notice of the hearing in a newspaper of general circulation if~~ 2165
~~that newspaper notice includes that internet site and a~~ 2166
~~statement that the notice is also posted on the internet site~~ 2167
using at least one of the following methods: 2168

<u>(a) In a newspaper of general circulation within the</u>	2169
<u>township;</u>	2170
<u>(b) On the official public notice web site established</u>	2171
<u>under section 125.182 of the Revised Code;</u>	2172
<u>(c) On the web site and social media account of the</u>	2173
<u>township. Any</u>	2174
<u>Any</u> notice the board publishes or posts shall include the	2175
time, date, and place of the public hearing.	2176
(2) The proposed regulations shall be made available to	2177
the public at the board office.	2178
(C) (1) The board of township trustees may create a	2179
building department and employ personnel it determines necessary	2180
to administer and enforce any local residential building	2181
regulations or existing structures code the board adopts	2182
pursuant to this section. The building department may enforce	2183
state residential and nonresidential building codes the board of	2184
building standards establishes pursuant to Chapter 3781. of the	2185
Revised Code if the department is certified pursuant to section	2186
3781.10 of the Revised Code to enforce those codes. Upon	2187
certification of the building department under section 3781.10	2188
of the Revised Code, the board <u>of</u> township <u>trustees</u> may direct	2189
the building department to exercise enforcement authority and to	2190
accept and approve plans pursuant to sections 3781.03 and	2191
3791.04 of the Revised Code for the classes of buildings for	2192
which the building department and personnel are certified.	2193
(2) To administer and enforce any local residential	2194
building regulations, or existing structures code and the state	2195
residential and nonresidential building codes, the board <u>of</u>	2196
<u>township trustees</u> may create, establish, fill, and fix the	2197

compensation of the position of township building inspector to 2198
serve as the chief administrative officer of the building 2199
department. In lieu of creating the position of township 2200
building inspector, the board may assign the duties of the 2201
inspector to an existing township officer who is certified 2202
pursuant to division (E) of section 3781.10 of the Revised Code. 2203

(D) (1) The board of township trustees may enter into a 2204
contract with any other township, any municipal corporation, or 2205
a board of county commissioners for the other township, 2206
municipal corporation, or board of county commissioners to 2207
administer and enforce local residential building regulations or 2208
existing structures code in the township or to enforce the state 2209
residential and nonresidential building codes in the township if 2210
the building department of the other township, municipal 2211
corporation, or county is certified to enforce those codes. 2212

(2) Any ~~any~~ other township, any municipal corporation, or 2213
a board of county commissioners may contract with a board of 2214
township trustees to administer and enforce local building 2215
regulations or an existing structures code in the other 2216
township, the municipal corporation, or the county and, if 2217
certified, to enforce the state residential and nonresidential 2218
building codes in the other township, the municipal corporation, 2219
or the unincorporated areas of the county. 2220

Sec. 505.76. Local residential building regulations a 2221
board of township trustees adopts under section 505.75 of the 2222
Revised Code and an existing structures code the board adopts 2223
pursuant to section 505.73 of the Revised Code shall be made 2224
available to the public at the office of the board, and the 2225
section headings and numbers and a notice of the availability of 2226
the regulations shall be published ~~in at least one newspaper of~~ 2227

~~general townshipwide circulation~~ within ten days after their 2228
adoption or amendment using at least one of the following 2229
methods: 2230

(A) In a newspaper of general circulation within the 2231
township; 2232

(B) On the official public notice web site established 2233
under section 125.182 of the Revised Code; 2234

(C) On the web site and social media account of the 2235
township. 2236

Sec. 505.82. (A) If a board of township trustees by a 2237
unanimous vote or, in the event of the unavoidable absence of 2238
one trustee, by an affirmative vote of two trustees adopts a 2239
resolution declaring that an emergency exists that threatens 2240
life or property within the unincorporated territory of the 2241
township or that such an emergency is imminent, including an 2242
emergency due to a natural disaster, civil unrest, cyber attack, 2243
or the derailment of a train, the board may exercise the powers 2244
described in divisions (A) (1) and (2) and (B) of this section 2245
during the emergency for a period of time not exceeding six 2246
months following the adoption of the resolution. The resolution 2247
shall state the specific time period for which the emergency 2248
powers are in effect. 2249

(1) If an owner of an undedicated road or stream bank in 2250
the unincorporated territory of the township has not provided 2251
for the removal of snow, ice, debris, or other obstructions from 2252
the road or bank, the board may provide for that removal. Prior 2253
to providing for the removal, the board shall give, or make a 2254
good faith attempt to give, oral notice to the owner or owners 2255
of the road or bank of the board's intent to clear the road or 2256

bank and to impose a service charge for doing so. The board 2257
shall establish just and equitable service charges for the 2258
removal to be paid, except as provided in division (B) of this 2259
section, by the owners of the road or bank. 2260

The board shall keep a record of the costs incurred by the 2261
township in removing snow, ice, debris, or other obstructions 2262
from the road or bank. The service charges shall be based on 2263
these costs and shall be in an amount sufficient to recover 2264
these costs. If there is more than one owner of the road or 2265
bank, the board, except as provided in division (B) of this 2266
section, shall allocate the service charges among the owners on 2267
an equitable basis. The board shall notify, in writing, each 2268
owner of the road or bank of the amount of the service charges 2269
and shall certify the charges to the county auditor. The service 2270
charges shall constitute a lien upon the property. The auditor 2271
shall place the service charges on a special duplicate to be 2272
collected as other taxes and returned to the township general 2273
fund. 2274

(2) The board may contract for the immediate acquisition, 2275
replacement, or repair of equipment needed for the emergency 2276
situation, without following the competitive bidding 2277
requirements of section 5549.21 or any other section of the 2278
Revised Code. 2279

(B) In lieu of collecting service charges from owners for 2280
the removal of snow or ice from an undedicated road by the board 2281
of township trustees as provided in division (A) (1) of this 2282
section, the board may enter into a contract with a developer 2283
whereby the developer agrees to pay the service charges for the 2284
snow and ice removal instead of the owners. 2285

(C) The removal of snow, ice, debris, or other 2286

obstructions from an undedicated road by a board of township trustees acting pursuant to a resolution adopted under division (A) of this section does not constitute approval or acceptance of the undedicated road.

(D) As used in this section, "undedicated road" means a road that has not been approved and accepted by the board of county commissioners and is not a part of the state, county, or township road systems as provided in section 5535.01 of the Revised Code.

(E) Nothing in this section shall be construed to waive the requirement under section 1547.82 of the Revised Code that approval of plans be obtained from the director of natural resources or the director's representative prior to modifying or causing the modification of the channel of any watercourse in a wild, scenic, or recreational river area outside the limits of a municipal corporation.

Sec. 505.86. (A) As used in this section:

"Party in interest" means an owner of record of the real property on which the building or structure is located, and includes a holder of a legal or equitable lien of record on the real property or the building or other structure.

"Total cost" means any costs incurred due to the use of employees, materials, or equipment of the township, any costs arising out of contracts for labor, materials, or equipment, and costs of service of notice or publication required under this section.

(B) A board of township trustees, by resolution, may provide for the removal, repair, or securance of buildings or other structures in the township that have been declared

insecure, unsafe, or structurally defective by any fire 2316
department under contract with the township or by the county 2317
building department or other authority responsible under Chapter 2318
3781. of the Revised Code for the enforcement of building 2319
regulations or the performance of building inspections in the 2320
township, or buildings or other structures that have been 2321
declared to be in a condition dangerous to life or health, or 2322
unfit for human habitation by the board of health of the general 2323
health district of which the township is a part. 2324

At least thirty days before the removal, repair, or 2325
securance of any insecure, unsafe, or structurally defective 2326
building or other structure, the board of township trustees 2327
shall give notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, 2328
to each party in interest of its intention with respect to the 2329
removal, repair, or securance of an insecure, unsafe, or 2330
structurally defective or unfit building or other structure. 2331

If the address of a party in interest is unknown and 2332
cannot reasonably be obtained, it is sufficient to publish the 2333
notice once in using at least one of the following methods: 2334

(1) In a newspaper of general circulation in the township; 2335

(2) On the official public notice web site established 2336
under section 125.182 of the Revised Code; 2337

(3) On the web site and social media account of the 2338
township. 2339

(C) (1) If the board of trustees, in a resolution adopted 2340
under this section, pursues action to remove any insecure, 2341
unsafe, or structurally defective building or other structure, 2342
the notice shall include a statement informing the parties in 2343
interest that each party in interest is entitled to a hearing if 2344

the party in interest requests a hearing in writing within 2345
twenty days after the notice was mailed. The written request for 2346
a hearing shall be made to the township fiscal officer. 2347

(2) If a party in interest timely requests a hearing, the 2348
board shall set the date, time, and place for the hearing and 2349
notify the party in interest by certified mail, return receipt 2350
requested. The date set for the hearing shall be within fifteen 2351
days, but not earlier than seven days, after the party in 2352
interest has requested a hearing, unless otherwise agreed to by 2353
both the board and the party in interest. The hearing shall be 2354
recorded by stenographic or electronic means. 2355

(3) The board shall make an order deciding the matter not 2356
later than thirty days after a hearing, or not later than thirty 2357
days after mailing notice to the parties in interest if no party 2358
in interest requested a hearing. The order may dismiss the 2359
matter or direct the removal, repair, or securance of the 2360
building or other structure. At any time, a party in interest 2361
may consent to an order. 2362

(4) A party in interest who requested and participated in 2363
a hearing, and who is adversely affected by the order of the 2364
board, may appeal the order under section 2506.01 of the Revised 2365
Code. 2366

(D) At any time, a party in interest may enter into an 2367
agreement with the board of township trustees to perform the 2368
removal, repair, or securance of the insecure, unsafe, or 2369
structurally defective or unfit building or other structure. 2370

(E) If an emergency exists, as determined by the board, 2371
notice may be given other than by certified mail and less than 2372
thirty days before the removal, repair, or securance. 2373

(F) The total cost of removing, repairing, or securing 2374
buildings or other structures that have been declared insecure, 2375
unsafe, structurally defective, or unfit for human habitation, 2376
or of making emergency corrections of hazardous conditions, when 2377
approved by the board, shall be paid out of the township general 2378
fund from moneys not otherwise appropriated, except that, if the 2379
costs incurred exceed five hundred dollars, the board may borrow 2380
moneys from a financial institution to pay for the costs in 2381
whole or in part. 2382

The total cost may be collected by either of the following 2383
methods: 2384

(1) The board may have the fiscal officer of the township 2385
certify the total costs, together with a proper description of 2386
the lands to the county auditor who shall place the costs upon 2387
the tax duplicate. The costs are a lien upon the lands from and 2388
after the date of entry. The costs shall be returned to the 2389
township and placed in the township's general fund. 2390

(2) The board may commence a civil action to recover the 2391
total costs from the owner of record of the real property on 2392
which the building or structure is located. 2393

(G) Any board of township trustees may, whenever a policy 2394
or policies of insurance are in force providing coverage against 2395
the peril of fire on a building or structure and the loss agreed 2396
to between the named insured or insureds and the company or 2397
companies is more than five thousand dollars and equals or 2398
exceeds sixty per cent of the aggregate limits of liability on 2399
all fire policies covering the building or structure on the 2400
property, accept security payments and follow the procedures of 2401
divisions (C) and (D) of section 3929.86 of the Revised Code. 2402

Sec. 505.87. (A) A board of township trustees may provide 2403
for the abatement, control, or removal of vegetation, garbage, 2404
refuse, and other debris from land in the township, if the board 2405
determines that the owner's maintenance of that vegetation, 2406
garbage, refuse, or other debris constitutes a nuisance. 2407

(B) At least seven days before providing for the 2408
abatement, control, or removal of any vegetation, garbage, 2409
refuse, or other debris, the board of township trustees shall 2410
notify the owner of the land and any holders of liens of record 2411
upon the land that: 2412

(1) The owner is ordered to abate, control, or remove the 2413
vegetation, garbage, refuse, or other debris, the owner's 2414
maintenance of which has been determined by the board to be a 2415
nuisance; 2416

(2) If that vegetation, garbage, refuse, or other debris 2417
is not abated, controlled, or removed, or if provision for its 2418
abatement, control, or removal is not made, within seven days, 2419
the board shall provide for the abatement, control, or removal, 2420
and any costs incurred by the board in performing that task 2421
shall be entered upon the tax duplicate and become a lien upon 2422
the land from the date of entry. 2423

The board shall send the notice to the owner of the land 2424
by certified mail if the owner is a resident of the township or 2425
is a nonresident whose address is known, and by certified mail 2426
to lienholders of record; alternatively, if the owner is a 2427
resident of the township or is a nonresident whose address is 2428
known, the board may give notice to the owner by causing any of 2429
its agents or employees to post the notice on the principal 2430
structure on the land and to photograph that posted notice with 2431
a camera capable of recording the date of the photograph on it. 2432

If the owner's address is unknown and cannot reasonably be 2433
obtained, it is sufficient to publish the notice once ~~in~~ using 2434
at least one of the following methods: 2435

(a) In a newspaper of general circulation in the township; 2436

(b) On the official public notice web site established 2437
under section 125.182 of the Revised Code; 2438

(c) On the web site and social media account of the 2439
township. 2440

(C) If a board of township trustees determines within 2441
twelve consecutive months after a prior nuisance determination 2442
that the same owner's maintenance of vegetation, garbage, 2443
refuse, or other debris on the same land in the township 2444
constitutes a nuisance, at least four days before providing for 2445
the abatement, control, or removal of any vegetation, garbage, 2446
refuse, or other debris, the board shall give notice of the 2447
subsequent nuisance determination to the owner of the land and 2448
to any holders of liens of record upon the land as follows: 2449

(1) The board shall send written notice by first class 2450
mail to the owner of the land and to any lienholders of record. 2451
Failure of delivery of the notice shall not invalidate any 2452
action to abate, control, or remove the nuisance. Alternatively, 2453
the board may give notice to the owner by causing any of its 2454
agents or employees to post the notice on the principal 2455
structure on the land and to photograph that posted notice with 2456
a camera capable of recording the date of the photograph on it. 2457

(2) If the owner's address is unknown and cannot 2458
reasonably be obtained, it is sufficient to post the notice on 2459
the board of township trustee's internet web site for four 2460
consecutive days, or to post the notice in a conspicuous 2461

location in the board's office for four consecutive days if the 2462
board does not maintain an internet web site. 2463

(D) The owner of the land or holders of liens of record 2464
upon the land may enter into an agreement with the board of 2465
township trustees providing for either party to the agreement to 2466
perform the abatement, control, or removal before the time the 2467
board is required to provide for the abatement, control, or 2468
removal under division (E) of this section. 2469

(E) If, within seven days after notice is given under 2470
division (B) of this section, or within four days after notice 2471
is given under division (C) of this section, the owner of the 2472
land fails to abate, control, or remove the vegetation, garbage, 2473
refuse, or other debris, or no agreement for its abatement, 2474
control, or removal is entered into under division (D) of this 2475
section, the board of township trustees shall provide for the 2476
abatement, control, or removal and may employ the necessary 2477
labor, materials, and equipment to perform the task. All costs 2478
incurred, when approved by the board, shall be paid out of the 2479
township general fund from moneys not otherwise appropriated, 2480
except that if the costs incurred exceed five hundred dollars, 2481
the board may borrow moneys from a financial institution to pay 2482
for the costs in whole or in part. 2483

(F) The board of township trustees shall make a written 2484
report to the county auditor of the board's action under this 2485
section. The board shall include in the report a proper 2486
description of the premises and a statement of all costs 2487
incurred in providing for the abatement, control, or removal of 2488
any vegetation, garbage, refuse, or other debris as provided in 2489
division (E) of this section, including the board's charges for 2490
its services, the costs incurred in providing notice, any fees 2491

or interest paid to borrow moneys, and the amount paid for 2492
labor, materials, and equipment. The county auditor shall place 2493
the costs upon the tax duplicate. The costs are a lien upon the 2494
land from and after the date of the entry. The costs shall be 2495
returned to the township and placed in the township's general 2496
fund. 2497

Sec. 505.871. (A) A board of township trustees may 2498
provide, by resolution, for the removal of any vehicle in the 2499
unincorporated territory of the township that the board 2500
determines is a junk motor vehicle, as defined in section 2501
505.173 of the Revised Code. 2502

(B) If a junk motor vehicle is located on public property, 2503
the board of township trustees may provide in the resolution for 2504
the immediate removal of the vehicle. 2505

(C) (1) If a junk motor vehicle is located on private 2506
property, the board of township trustees may provide in the 2507
resolution for the removal of the vehicle not sooner than 2508
fourteen days after the board serves written notice of its 2509
intention to remove or cause the removal of the vehicle on the 2510
owner of the land and any holders of liens of record on the 2511
land. 2512

(2) The notice provided under this division shall 2513
generally describe the vehicle to be removed and indicate all of 2514
the following: 2515

(a) The board has determined that the vehicle is a junk 2516
motor vehicle. 2517

(b) If the owner of the land fails to remove the vehicle 2518
within fourteen days after service of the notice, the board may 2519
remove or cause the removal of the vehicle. 2520

(c) Any costs the board incurs in removing or causing the removal of the vehicle may be entered upon the tax duplicate and become a lien upon the land from the date of entry.

(3) The board shall serve the notice under this division by sending it by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the owner of the land, if the owner resides in the unincorporated territory of the township or if the owner resides outside the unincorporated territory of the township and the owner's address is known or ascertainable through an exercise of reasonable diligence. The board also shall send notice in such manner to any holders of liens of record on the land. If a notice sent by certified mail is refused or unclaimed, or if an owner's address is unknown and cannot reasonably be ascertained by an exercise of reasonable diligence, the board shall publish the notice once ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the township~~ before the removal of the vehicle, ~~and, if~~ using at least one of the following methods:

(a) In a newspaper of general circulation within the township;

(b) On the official public notice web site established under section 125.182 of the Revised Code;

(c) On the web site and social media account of the township.

If the land contains any structures, the board also shall post the notice on the principal structure on the land.

A notice sent by certified mail shall be deemed to be served for purposes of this section on the date it was received as indicated by the date on a signed return receipt. A notice given by publication shall be deemed to be served for purposes

of this section on the date of the newspaper publication, date 2550
of the notice first being published on the official public 2551
notice web site, or date of the notice first being posted on the 2552
township's web site and social media account. 2553

(D) The board of township trustees may cause the removal 2554
or may employ the labor, materials, and equipment necessary to 2555
remove a junk motor vehicle under this section. All costs 2556
incurred in removing or causing the removal of a junk motor 2557
vehicle, when approved by the board, shall be paid out of the 2558
township general fund from moneys not otherwise appropriated, 2559
except that if the costs exceed five hundred dollars, the board 2560
may borrow moneys from a financial institution to pay the costs 2561
in whole or in part. 2562

(E) The board of township trustees may utilize any lawful 2563
means to collect the costs incurred in removing or causing the 2564
removal of a junk motor vehicle under this section, including 2565
any fees or interest paid to borrow moneys under division (D) of 2566
this section. The board may direct the township fiscal officer 2567
to certify the costs and a description of the land to the county 2568
auditor. The county auditor shall place the costs upon the tax 2569
duplicate. The costs are a lien upon the land from and after the 2570
date of entry. The costs shall be returned to the township and 2571
placed in the township's general fund. 2572

(F) (1) As used in this division: 2573

(a) "Motor vehicle salvage dealer" has the same meaning as 2574
in section 4738.01 of the Revised Code. 2575

(b) "Scrap metal processing facility" has the same meaning 2576
as in section 4737.05 of the Revised Code. 2577

(2) Notwithstanding section 4513.63 of the Revised Code, 2578

if a junk motor vehicle is removed and disposed of in accordance 2579
with this section, the clerk of courts of the county shall issue 2580
a salvage certificate of title for that junk motor vehicle to a 2581
motor vehicle salvage dealer licensed pursuant to Chapter 4738. 2582
of the Revised Code or a scrap metal processing facility 2583
licensed pursuant to sections 4737.05 to 4737.12 of the Revised 2584
Code if all of the following conditions are satisfied: 2585

(a) The board of township trustees has entered into a 2586
contract with the motor vehicle salvage dealer or scrap metal 2587
processing facility for the disposal or removal of the junk 2588
motor vehicle in accordance with section 505.85 of the Revised 2589
Code. 2590

(b) The fiscal officer for the board of township trustees 2591
executes in triplicate an affidavit prescribed by the registrar 2592
of motor vehicles describing the junk motor vehicle and the 2593
manner of removal or disposal and certifying that all 2594
requirements of this section and the notice and records search 2595
requirements of section 4505.101 of the Revised Code have been 2596
satisfied. 2597

(c) The board of township trustees retains the original 2598
affidavit for the board's records and furnishes the remaining 2599
two copies of the affidavit to the motor vehicle salvage dealer 2600
or scrap metal processing facility. 2601

(d) The motor vehicle salvage dealer or scrap metal 2602
processing facility presents one copy of the affidavit to the 2603
clerk. 2604

(3) The clerk shall issue the salvage certificate of 2605
title, free and clear of all liens and encumbrances, not later 2606
than thirty days after the motor vehicle salvage dealer or scrap 2607

metal processing facility presents the affidavit pursuant to 2608
division (F) (2) of this section. 2609

(G) Notwithstanding section 4513.65 of the Revised Code, 2610
but subject to division (H) (2) of this section, any collector's 2611
vehicle that meets the definition of a junk motor vehicle is 2612
subject to removal under this section. 2613

(H) (1) Nothing in this section affects the authority of a 2614
board of township trustees to adopt and enforce resolutions 2615
under section 505.173 of the Revised Code to regulate the 2616
storage of junk motor vehicles on private or public property in 2617
the unincorporated territory of the township. 2618

(2) A resolution adopted under this section is subject to 2619
the same restrictions specified in division (A) of section 2620
505.173 of the Revised Code for resolutions adopted under that 2621
section. 2622

Sec. 507.05. The township fiscal officer shall, in 2623
addition to the books for the record of the proceedings of the 2624
board of township trustees, be provided by the township with a 2625
book for the record of township roads, ~~a book for the record of~~ 2626
~~marks and brands,~~ and a book for the record of official oaths 2627
and bonds of township officers. 2628

Sec. 511.03. ~~After an affirmative vote in an election held~~ 2629
~~under sections 511.01 and 511.02 of the Revised Code, the~~ If, in 2630
a township, a town hall is to be built, improved, enlarged, or 2631
removed at a cost greater than the amount specified in section 2632
9.17 of the Revised Code, the board of township trustees may 2633
make all contracts necessary for the purchase of a site, and the 2634
erection, improvement, or enlargement of such building. The 2635
board shall levy the necessary tax, which, in any year, shall 2636

not exceed four mills on the dollar valuation. Such tax shall 2637
not be levied for more than seven years. In anticipation of the 2638
collection of taxes, the board may borrow money and issue bonds 2639
for the whole or any part of such work, which bonds shall not 2640
bear interest to exceed the rate provided in section 9.95 of the 2641
Revised Code payable annually. 2642

The board shall have control of any town hall belonging to 2643
the township, and it may rent or lease all or part of any hall, 2644
lodge, or recreational facility belonging to the township, to 2645
any person or organization under terms the board considers 2646
proper, for which all rent shall be paid in advance or fully 2647
secured. In establishing the terms of any rental agreement or 2648
lease pursuant to this section, the board of township trustees 2649
may give preference to persons who are residents of or 2650
organizations that are headquartered in the township or that are 2651
charitable or fraternal in nature. All persons or organizations 2652
shall be treated on a like or similar basis, and no 2653
differentiation shall be made on the basis of race, color, 2654
religion, national origin, sex, or political affiliation. The 2655
rents received for such facilities may be used for their repair 2656
or improvement, and any balance shall be used for general 2657
township purposes. 2658

Sec. 511.04. The board of township trustees, whenever it 2659
has ~~been authorized by an affirmative vote,~~contracted to 2660
purchase a site and erect thereon a town hall, and suitable 2661
lands cannot be procured by contract for such purpose on 2662
reasonable terms, may appropriate land therefor, not to exceed 2663
one acre, by proceedings in accordance with sections 163.01 to 2664
163.22 of the Revised Code. 2665

Sec. 511.12. The board of township trustees may prepare 2666

plans and specifications and make contracts for the construction 2667
and erection of a memorial building, monument, statue, or 2668
memorial, for the purposes specified and within the amount 2669
authorized by section 511.08 of the Revised Code. If the total 2670
estimated cost of the construction and erection exceeds the 2671
amount specified in section 9.17 of the Revised Code, the 2672
contract shall be let by competitive bidding. If the estimated 2673
cost is the amount specified in section 9.17 of the Revised Code 2674
or less, competitive bidding may be required at the board's 2675
discretion. In making contracts under this section, the board 2676
shall be governed as follows: 2677

(A) Contracts for construction when competitive bidding is 2678
required shall be based upon detailed plans, specifications, 2679
forms of bids, and estimates of cost, adopted by the board. 2680

(B) Contracts shall be made in writing upon concurrence of 2681
a majority of the members of the board, and shall be signed by 2682
at least two of the members and by the contractor. If 2683
competitive bidding is required, no contract shall be made or 2684
signed until an advertisement has been ~~placed in a newspaper,~~ 2685
~~published or of general circulation in the township,~~ at least 2686
twice using at least one of the following methods: 2687

(1) In a newspaper of general circulation within the 2688
township; 2689

(2) On the official public notice web site established 2690
under section 125.182 of the Revised Code; 2691

(3) On the web site and social media account of the 2692
township. The 2693

The board may also cause notice to be inserted in trade 2694
papers or other publications designated by it or to be 2695

~~distributed by electronic means, including posting the notice on the board's internet web site. If the board posts the notice on its web site, it may eliminate the second notice otherwise required to be published in a newspaper published or of general circulation in the township, provided that the first notice published in such newspaper meets all of the following requirements:~~

~~(1) It is published at least two weeks before the opening of bids.~~

~~(2) It includes a statement that the notice is posted on the board's internet web site.~~

~~(3) It includes the internet address of the board's internet web site.~~

~~(4) It includes instructions describing how the notice may be accessed on the board's internet web site.~~

(C) No contract shall be let by competitive bidding except to the lowest and best bidder, who shall meet the requirements of section 153.54 of the Revised Code.

(D) When, in the opinion of the board, it becomes necessary in the prosecution of such work to make alterations or modifications in any contract, the alterations or modifications shall be made only by order of the board, and that order shall be of no effect until the price to be paid for the work or materials under the altered or modified contract has been agreed upon in writing and signed by the contractor and at least two members of the board.

(E) No contract or alteration or modification of it shall be valid unless made in the manner provided in this section.

(F) No project subject to this section shall be divided 2724
into component parts, separate projects, or separate items of 2725
work in order to avoid the requirements of this section. 2726

Sec. 511.21. Upon the filing of the report of the board of 2727
park commissioners as provided by section 511.20 of the Revised 2728
Code, the board of township trustees shall direct the township 2729
fiscal officer to give thirty days' notice, by posting in five 2730
public places in the township and by publication ~~in using at~~ 2731
least one or more newspapers of the following methods: 2732

(A) In a newspaper of general circulation in the township, 2733
; 2734

(B) On the official public notice web site established 2735
under section 125.182 of the Revised Code; 2736

(C) On the web site and social media account of the 2737
township. 2738

The notice shall state that an election will be held at 2739
the next general election to determine whether one or more 2740
public parks are to be established within the township, and the 2741
estimated cost of the land recommended for that purpose. 2742

Sec. 511.51. (A) A board of township trustees by 2743
resolution may establish a township preservation commission. The 2744
commission shall consist of seven members appointed by the board 2745
of township trustees. Initially, two members shall serve a term 2746
of one year, two members shall serve a term of two years, and 2747
three members shall serve a term of three years. All subsequent 2748
terms shall be for a period of three years. The board of 2749
township trustees shall appoint members to fill vacancies caused 2750
by death, resignation, or removal for the unexpired term. 2751
Members shall serve without compensation. 2752

(B) Not later than thirty days after the appointment of 2753
all initial members by the board of township trustees, the 2754
commission shall meet and select a chairperson and vice- 2755
chairperson. The commission shall adopt rules of procedure, 2756
which shall be approved by resolution of the board of township 2757
trustees. Four members shall be required for official action and 2758
constitute a quorum. The commission shall take official action 2759
only by a vote of a majority of the members voting on the 2760
question on the table, during a public meeting open to the 2761
public. A record of proceedings shall be maintained and 2762
available for inspection. 2763

(C) Not later than six months after the appointment of all 2764
initial members by the board of township trustees, the 2765
commission shall adopt procedures and guidelines by which the 2766
commission shall perform the duties enumerated under section 2767
511.52 of the Revised Code, which shall be approved by the board 2768
of township trustees. 2769

Sec. 511.52. A township preservation commission has the 2770
following duties: 2771

(A) Promote the importance of historic preservation 2772
throughout the unincorporated territory of the township; 2773

(B) Maintain a register of historic properties located 2774
within the unincorporated territory of the township. Upon 2775
recommendation of the commission, the board of township trustees 2776
by resolution may designate appropriate properties as registered 2777
properties; 2778

(C) Protect the unique historical and architectural 2779
character of registered properties and promote the conservation 2780
of the registered properties by considering applications, and 2781

issuing certificates, for exterior alterations at registered 2782
properties. 2783

Sec. 511.53. Within the unincorporated territory of a 2784
township that has established a township preservation commission 2785
under section 511.51 of the Revised Code, no person may alter 2786
the exterior of a registered property without first obtaining 2787
from the commission a certificate under division (C) of section 2788
511.52 of the Revised Code. 2789

Sec. 515.01. The board of township trustees may provide 2790
artificial lights for any road, highway, public place, or 2791
building under its supervision or control, or for any territory 2792
within the township and outside the boundaries of any municipal 2793
corporation, when the board determines that the public safety or 2794
welfare requires that the road, highway, public place, building, 2795
or territory shall be lighted. The lighting may be procured 2796
either by the township installing a lighting system or by 2797
contracting with any person or corporation to furnish lights. 2798

If lights are furnished under contract, the contract may 2799
provide that the equipment employed may be owned by the township 2800
or by the person or corporation supplying the lights. 2801

If the board determines to procure lighting by contract 2802
and the total estimated cost of the contract exceeds the amount 2803
specified in section 9.17 of the Revised Code, the board shall 2804
prepare plans and specifications for the lighting equipment and 2805
shall, for two weeks, advertise for bids for furnishing the 2806
lighting equipment, either by posting the advertisement in three 2807
conspicuous places in the township or by publication of the 2808
advertisement once a week, for two consecutive weeks, ~~in~~ using 2809
at least one of the following methods: 2810

<u>(A) In a newspaper of general circulation in the township;</u>	2811
<u>(B) On the official public notice web site established</u>	2812
<u>under section 125.182 of the Revised Code;</u>	2813
<u>(C) On the web site and social media account of the</u>	2814
<u>township. Any</u>	2815
<u>Any</u> such contract for lighting shall be made with the	2816
lowest and best bidder.	2817
The board may also cause notice to be inserted in trade	2818
papers or other publications designated by it or to be	2819
distributed by electronic means, including posting the notice on	2820
the board's internet web site. If the board posts the notice on	2821
its web site, it may eliminate the second notice otherwise	2822
required to be published in a newspaper of general circulation	2823
in the township, provided that the first notice published in	2824
such newspaper meets all of the following requirements:	2825
(A) It is published at least two weeks before the opening	2826
of bids.	2827
(B) It includes a statement that the notice is posted on	2828
the board's internet web site.	2829
(C) It includes the internet address of the board's	2830
internet web site.	2831
(D) It includes instructions describing how the notice may	2832
be accessed on the board's internet web site.	2833
No lighting contract awarded by the board shall be made to	2834
cover a period of more than twenty years. The cost of installing	2835
and operating any lighting system or any light furnished under	2836
contract shall be paid from the general fund of the township	2837
treasury.	2838

No procurement subject to this section shall be divided 2839
into component parts, separate projects, or separate items of 2840
work in order to avoid the requirements of this section. 2841

Sec. 515.04. The township fiscal officer shall fix a day, 2842
not more than thirty days from the date of notice to the board 2843
of township trustees, for the hearing of the petition authorized 2844
by section 515.02 or 515.16 of the Revised Code. The township 2845
fiscal officer or the fiscal officer's designee shall prepare 2846
and deliver to any of the petitioners a notice in writing 2847
directed to the lot and land owners and to the corporations, 2848
either public or private, affected by the improvement. The 2849
notice shall set forth the substance, pendency, and prayer of 2850
the petition and the time and place of the hearing on it. 2851

A copy of the notice shall be served upon each lot or land 2852
owner or left at the lot or land owner's usual place of 2853
residence, and upon an officer or agent of each corporation 2854
having its place of business in the district or area, at least 2855
fifteen days before the date set for the hearing. On or before 2856
the day of the hearing, the person serving the notice shall make 2857
return on it, under oath, of the time and manner of service and 2858
shall file the return with the township fiscal officer. 2859

The township fiscal officer or the fiscal officer's 2860
designee shall give the notice to each nonresident lot or land 2861
owner, by publication once, ~~in a newspaper of general~~ 2862
~~circulation in the county in which the district or area is~~ 2863
~~situated,~~ at least two weeks before the day set for hearing, 2864
using at least one of the following methods: 2865

(A) In a newspaper of general circulation in the county in 2866
which the district or area is situated; 2867

(B) On the official public notice web site established 2868
under section 125.182 of the Revised Code; 2869

(C) On the web site and social media account of the 2870
township. The 2871

The notice shall be verified by affidavit of the printer 2872
or other person knowing the fact and shall be filed with the 2873
township fiscal officer or the fiscal officer's designee on or 2874
before the day of hearing. No further notice of the petition or 2875
the proceedings under it shall thereafter be required. 2876

Sec. 517.07. ~~Upon~~ (A) Upon application, the board of 2877
township trustees shall sell at a reasonable price the number of 2878
lots as public wants demand for burial purposes. Purchasers of 2879
lots or other interment rights, upon complying with the terms of 2880
sale, may receive deeds for the lots or rights which the board 2881
shall execute. The township fiscal officer shall record each 2882
deed in a book the township keeps for that purpose or with the 2883
county recorder under section 317.08 of the Revised Code. The 2884
expense of recording shall be paid by the person receiving the 2885
deed. Upon the application of a head of a family living in the 2886
township, the board shall, without charge, make and deliver to 2887
the applicant a deed for a suitable lot or right for the 2888
interment of the applicant's family, if, in the opinion of the 2889
board and by reason of the circumstances of the family, the 2890
payment would be oppressive. 2891

(B) The terms of sale and any deed for lots executed after 2892
July 24, 1986, for an entombment, including a mausoleum, 2893
columbarium, or other interment right executed on or after 2894
September 29, 2015, may include the following requirements: 2895

~~(A)~~ (1) The grantee shall provide to the board of township 2896

trustees, in writing, a list of the names and addresses of the 2897
persons to whom the grantee's property would pass by intestate 2898
succession. 2899

~~(B)~~ (2) The grantee shall notify the board in writing of 2900
any subsequent changes in the name or address of any persons to 2901
whom property would descend. 2902

~~(C)~~ (3) Any person who receives a township cemetery lot or 2903
right by gift, inheritance, or any other means other than the 2904
original conveyance shall, within one year after receiving the 2905
interest, give written notice of the person's name and address 2906
to the board having control of the cemetery, and shall notify 2907
the board of any subsequent changes in the person's name or 2908
address. 2909

(C) The terms of sale and any deed for any lots or rights 2910
executed in compliance with the notification requirements set 2911
forth in ~~divisions (A), division (B), and (C)~~ of this section 2912
shall state that the board of township trustees shall have right 2913
of reentry to the cemetery lot or right if the notification 2914
requirements are not met. At least ninety days before 2915
establishing reentry, the board shall publish a notice on the 2916
board's internet web site, if applicable, and shall send a 2917
notice by certified mail to the last known owner at the owner's 2918
last known address to inform the owner that the owner's interest 2919
in the lot or right will cease unless the notification 2920
requirements are met. If the owner's address is unknown and 2921
cannot reasonably be obtained, it is sufficient to publish the 2922
notice once in using at least one of the following methods: 2923

(1) In a newspaper of general circulation in the county; 2924

(2) On the official public notice web site established 2925

<u>under section 125.182 of the Revised Code;</u>	2926
<u>(3) On the web site and social media account of the</u>	2927
<u>township. In</u>	2928
<u>In</u> order to establish reentry, the board shall pass a	2929
resolution stating that the conditions of the sale or of the	2930
deed have not been fulfilled, and that the board reclaims its	2931
interest in the lot or right.	2932
<u>(D)</u> The board may limit the terms of sale or the deed for	2933
a cemetery lot or right by specifying that the owner, a member	2934
of the owner's family, or an owner's descendant must use the	2935
lot, tomb, including a mausoleum, or columbarium, or at least a	2936
portion of the lot, tomb, including a mausoleum, or columbarium,	2937
within a specified time period. The board may specify this time	2938
period to be at least twenty but not more than fifty years, with	2939
right of renewal provided at no cost. At least ninety days	2940
before the termination date for use of the cemetery lot, tomb,	2941
including a mausoleum, or columbarium, the board shall publish a	2942
notice on the board's internet web site, if applicable, and	2943
shall send a notice to the owner to inform the owner that the	2944
owner's interest in the lot or right will cease on the	2945
termination date unless the owner contracts for renewal by that	2946
date. The board shall send the notice by certified mail to the	2947
owner if the owner is a resident of the township or is a	2948
nonresident whose address is known. If the owner's address is	2949
unknown and cannot reasonably be obtained, it is sufficient to	2950
publish the notice once <u>in</u> <u>using at least one of the following</u>	2951
<u>methods:</u>	2952
<u>(1) In</u> a newspaper of general circulation in the county;	2953
<u>(2) On the official public notice web site established</u>	2954

under section 125.182 of the Revised Code; 2955

(3) On the web site and social media account of the 2956
township. 2957

The terms of sale and any deed for lots or rights conveyed 2958
with a termination date shall state that the board shall have 2959
right of reentry to the lot or right at the end of the specified 2960
time period if the lot, tomb, including a mausoleum, or 2961
columbarium, is not used within this time period or renewed for 2962
an extended period. In order to establish reentry, the board 2963
shall pass a resolution stating that the conditions of the sale 2964
or of the deed have not been fulfilled, and that the board 2965
reclaims its interest in the lot or right. The board shall 2966
compensate owners of unused lots or rights who do not renew the 2967
terms of sale or the deed by offering to pay the owner eighty 2968
per cent of the purchase price or to provide another available 2969
lot or right, as applicable, at no additional cost. The board 2970
may repurchase any cemetery lot or right from its owner at any 2971
time at a price that is mutually agreed upon by the board and 2972
the owner. 2973

Sec. 517.073. (A) The board of township trustees may 2974
reenter a lot for which the terms of sale or deed was executed 2975
before July 24, 1986, or an entombment, including a mausoleum, 2976
columbarium, or other interment right for which the terms of 2977
sale or deed was executed before September 29, 2015, if the 2978
board determines the lot or right is unused and adopts a 2979
resolution creating a procedure for right of reentry in 2980
accordance with this section. The resolution shall state that 2981
the board of township trustees has the right of reentry to the 2982
cemetery lot or right purchased before July 24, 1986, or before 2983
September 29, 2015. At least one hundred eighty days before 2984

reentering a lot or right, the board shall publish a notice on 2985
the board's internet web site, if applicable, and shall send a 2986
notice by certified mail to the last known owner at the owner's 2987
last known address to inform the owner that the owner's interest 2988
in the lot or right will cease unless the owner or owner's heir 2989
responds by that date. If the owner's address is unknown and 2990
cannot be obtained reasonably, it is sufficient to publish the 2991
notice once ~~in~~ using at least one of the following methods: 2992

(1) In a newspaper of general circulation in the county; 2993

(2) On the official public notice web site established 2994
under section 125.182 of the Revised Code; 2995

(3) On the web site and social media account of the 2996
township. 2997

(B) If the owner responds by the specified date, the 2998
township shall offer the owner all of the following: 2999

(1) To continue the owner's interest in the lot or right; 3000

(2) To compensate the owner by paying the owner eighty per 3001
cent of the owner's original purchase price; or 3002

(3) To compensate the owner by providing the owner an 3003
available lot or right, as applicable. 3004

To establish reentry, the board shall pass a resolution 3005
stating that the owner has not responded by the specified date 3006
or has opted to receive other compensation, and that the board 3007
reclaims its interest in the lot or right. The board may 3008
repurchase a cemetery lot or right from its owner at any time at 3009
a price that is mutually agreed upon by the board and the owner. 3010

~~(B)~~ (C) At least one hundred eighty days before a 3011
termination date for use of a cemetery lot for which the terms 3012

of sale or deed was executed before July 24, 1986, and contained 3013
a termination date, or an entombment, including a mausoleum or 3014
columbarium, for which the terms of sale or deed was executed 3015
before September 29, 2015, and contained a termination date, the 3016
board shall publish a notice on the board's internet web site, 3017
if applicable, and shall send a notice to the owner of an unused 3018
lot or right to inform the owner that the owner's interest in 3019
the lot or right will cease on the termination date unless the 3020
owner or owner's heir responds by that date. The board shall 3021
send the notice by certified mail to the owner if the owner is a 3022
resident of the township or is a nonresident whose address is 3023
known. If the owner's address is unknown and cannot reasonably 3024
be obtained, it is sufficient to publish the notice once ~~in~~ 3025
using at least one of the following methods: 3026

(1) In a newspaper of general circulation in the county; 3027

(2) On the official public notice web site established 3028
under section 125.182 of the Revised Code; 3029

(3) On the web site and social media account of the 3030
township. 3031

(D) If the owner responds by the termination date, the 3032
township shall offer the owner all of the following: 3033

(1) To contract for renewal; 3034

(2) To compensate the owner by paying the owner eighty per 3035
cent of the owner's original purchase price; or 3036

(3) To compensate the owner by providing the owner an 3037
available lot or right, as applicable. 3038

In order to establish reentry, the board shall pass a 3039
resolution stating that because of the lack of response to 3040

notice that provided a termination date or because the owner 3041
opted to receive other compensation, the board reclaims its 3042
interest in the lot or right. The board may repurchase a 3043
cemetery lot or right for which there is a termination date from 3044
its owner at any time at a price that is mutually agreed upon by 3045
the board and the owner. 3046

Sec. 517.12. The board of township trustees may make rules 3047
specifying the times when cemeteries under its control shall be 3048
closed to the public. The board shall cause the rules to be 3049
published once a week for two consecutive weeks in using at 3050
least one of the following methods: 3051

(A) In a newspaper of general circulation within the 3052
township or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code, and 3053
i 3054

(B) On the official public notice web site established 3055
under section 125.182 of the Revised Code; 3056

(C) On the web site and social media account of the 3057
township. 3058

The board also may post appropriate notice in the township 3059
as considered necessary. 3060

The purposes of such rules shall be to assure a reasonable 3061
time of access to the cemeteries in view of the differences in 3062
attendance anticipated from past experience as to each, to 3063
exclude attendance at times when no proper purposes could 3064
normally be expected, to permit exceptions to the normal hours 3065
of access on reasonable request with adequate reason provided, 3066
and to facilitate the task of protecting the premises from 3067
vandalism, desecration, and other improper usage. 3068

Whoever violates these rules is guilty of a minor 3069

misdemeanor. 3070

Sec. 517.22. The board of township trustees or the 3071
trustees or directors of a cemetery association, ~~after notice~~ 3072
~~has first been given in a newspaper of general circulation in~~ 3073
~~the county,~~ may dispose of, at public sale, and convey any 3074
cemetery under their control that they have determined to 3075
discontinue as burial grounds, ~~but possession after notice has~~ 3076
first been given using at least one of the following methods: 3077

(A) In a newspaper of general circulation in the county; 3078

(B) On the official public notice web site established 3079
under section 125.182 of the Revised Code; 3080

(C) On the web site and social media account of the 3081
township. 3082

Possession of the cemetery shall not be given to a grantee 3083
until after the remains buried in that cemetery, together with 3084
stones and monuments, have been removed as provided by section 3085
517.21 of the Revised Code. 3086

Sec. 519.06. Before certifying its recommendations of a 3087
zoning plan to the board of township trustees, the township 3088
zoning commission shall hold at least one public hearing, notice 3089
of which shall be given by one publication ~~in one or more~~ 3090
~~newspapers of general circulation in the township~~ at least 3091
thirty days before the date of such hearing, using at least one 3092
of the following methods: 3093

(A) In one or more newspapers of general circulation in 3094
the township; 3095

(B) On the official public notice web site established 3096
under section 125.182 of the Revised Code; 3097

(C) On the web site and social media account of the 3098
township. The 3099

The notice shall state the place and time at which the 3100
text and maps of the proposed zoning resolution may be examined. 3101

Sec. 519.08. After receiving the certification of a zoning 3102
plan from the township zoning commission, and before adoption of 3103
any zoning resolution, the board of township trustees shall hold 3104
a public hearing on the resolution, at least thirty days' notice 3105
of the time and place of which shall be given by one publication 3106
in using at least one of the following methods: 3107

(A) In a newspaper of general circulation in the township; 3108

(B) On the official public notice web site established 3109
under section 125.182 of the Revised Code; 3110

(C) On the web site and social media account of the 3111
township. 3112

Sec. 519.09. No change in or departure from the text or 3113
maps, as certified by the township zoning commission, shall be 3114
made by the board of township trustees unless it is first 3115
resubmitted to the commission for approval, disapproval, or 3116
suggestions. Upon receipt of the recommendations of the township 3117
rural zoning commission regarding the proposed changes, the 3118
board of township trustees shall hold a second public hearing, 3119
at least ten days notice of the time and place of which shall be 3120
given by one publication in using at least one of the following 3121
methods: 3122

(A) In one or more newspapers of general circulation in 3123
the township affected; 3124

(B) On the official public notice web site established 3125

under section 125.182 of the Revised Code; 3126

(C) On the web site and social media account of the 3127
township. If 3128

If such changes are disapproved by the zoning commission, 3129
the provision so disapproved must receive the favorable vote of 3130
the entire membership of the board of township trustees in order 3131
to be adopted. 3132

Sec. 519.12. (A) (1) Amendments to the zoning resolution 3133
may be initiated by motion of the township zoning commission, by 3134
the passage of a resolution by the board of township trustees, 3135
or by the filing of an application by one or more of the owners 3136
or lessees of property within the area proposed to be changed or 3137
affected by the proposed amendment with the township zoning 3138
commission. The board of township trustees may require that the 3139
owner or lessee of property filing an application to amend the 3140
zoning resolution pay a fee to defray the cost of advertising, 3141
mailing, filing with the county recorder, and other expenses. If 3142
the board of township trustees requires such a fee, it shall be 3143
required generally, for each application. The board of township 3144
trustees, upon the passage of such a resolution, shall certify 3145
it to the township zoning commission. 3146

(2) Upon the adoption of a motion by the township zoning 3147
commission, the certification of a resolution by the board of 3148
township trustees to the commission, or the filing of an 3149
application by property owners or lessees as described in 3150
division (A) (1) of this section with the commission, the 3151
commission shall set a date for a public hearing, which date 3152
shall not be less than twenty nor more than forty days from the 3153
date of the certification of such a resolution, the date of 3154
adoption of such a motion, or the date of the filing of such an 3155

application. Notice of the hearing shall be given by the 3156
commission by one publication ~~in one or more newspapers of~~ 3157
~~general circulation in the township~~ at least ten days before the 3158
date of the hearing using at least one of the following methods: 3159

(a) In one or more newspapers of general circulation in 3160
the township; 3161

(b) On the official public notice web site established 3162
under section 125.182 of the Revised Code; 3163

(c) On the web site and social media account of the 3164
township. 3165

(B) If the proposed amendment intends to rezone or 3166
redistrict ten or fewer parcels of land, as listed on the county 3167
auditor's current tax list, written notice of the hearing shall 3168
be mailed by the township zoning commission, by first class 3169
mail, at least ten days before the date of the public hearing to 3170
all owners of property within and contiguous to and directly 3171
across the street from the area proposed to be rezoned or 3172
redistricted to the addresses of those owners appearing on the 3173
county auditor's current tax list. The failure of delivery of 3174
that notice shall not invalidate any such amendment. 3175

(C) If the proposed amendment intends to rezone or 3176
redistrict ten or fewer parcels of land as listed on the county 3177
auditor's current tax list, the published and mailed notices 3178
shall set forth the time, date, and place of the public hearing 3179
and include all of the following: 3180

(1) The name of the township zoning commission that will 3181
be conducting the hearing; 3182

(2) A statement indicating that the motion, resolution, or 3183
application is an amendment to the zoning resolution; 3184

(3) A list of the addresses of all properties to be rezoned or redistricted by the proposed amendment and of the names of owners of those properties, as they appear on the county auditor's current tax list;

(4) The present zoning classification of property named in the proposed amendment and the proposed zoning classification of that property;

(5) The time and place where the motion, resolution, or application proposing to amend the zoning resolution will be available for examination for a period of at least ten days prior to the hearing;

(6) The name of the person responsible for giving notice of the hearing by publication, by mail, or by both publication and mail;

(7) A statement that, after the conclusion of the hearing, the matter will be submitted to the board of township trustees for its action;

(8) Any other information requested by the commission.

(D) If the proposed amendment alters the text of the zoning resolution, or rezones or redistricts more than ten parcels of land as listed on the county auditor's current tax list, the published notice shall set forth the time, date, and place of the public hearing and include all of the following:

(1) The name of the township zoning commission that will be conducting the hearing on the proposed amendment;

(2) A statement indicating that the motion, application, or resolution is an amendment to the zoning resolution;

(3) The time and place where the text and maps of the

proposed amendment will be available for examination for a 3213
period of at least ten days prior to the hearing; 3214

(4) The name of the person responsible for giving notice 3215
of the hearing by publication; 3216

(5) A statement that, after the conclusion of the hearing, 3217
the matter will be submitted to the board of township trustees 3218
for its action; 3219

(6) Any other information requested by the commission. 3220

(E) (1) (a) Except as provided in division (E) (1) (b) of this 3221
section, within five days after the adoption of the motion 3222
described in division (A) of this section, the certification of 3223
the resolution described in division (A) of this section, or the 3224
filing of the application described in division (A) of this 3225
section, the township zoning commission shall transmit a copy of 3226
it together with text and map pertaining to it to the county or 3227
regional planning commission, if there is such a commission, for 3228
approval, disapproval, or suggestions. 3229

The county or regional planning commission shall recommend 3230
the approval or denial of the proposed amendment or the approval 3231
of some modification of it and shall submit its recommendation 3232
to the township zoning commission. The recommendation shall be 3233
considered at the public hearing held by the township zoning 3234
commission on the proposed amendment. 3235

(b) The township zoning commission of a township that has 3236
adopted a limited home rule government under Chapter 504. of the 3237
Revised Code is not subject to division (E) (1) (a) of this 3238
section but may choose to comply with division (E) (1) (a) of this 3239
section. 3240

(2) The township zoning commission, within thirty days 3241

after the hearing, shall recommend the approval or denial of the 3242
proposed amendment, or the approval of some modification of it, 3243
and submit that recommendation together with the motion, 3244
application, or resolution involved, the text and map pertaining 3245
to the proposed amendment, and the recommendation of the county 3246
or regional planning commission on it to the board of township 3247
trustees. 3248

(3) The board of township trustees, upon receipt of that 3249
recommendation, shall set a time for a public hearing on the 3250
proposed amendment, which date shall not be more than thirty 3251
days from the date of the receipt of that recommendation. Notice 3252
of the hearing shall be given by the board by one publication ~~in~~ 3253
~~one or more newspapers of general circulation in the township,~~ 3254
at least ten days before the date of the hearing using at least 3255
one of the following methods: 3256

(a) In one or more newspapers of general circulation in 3257
the township; 3258

(b) On the official public notice web site established 3259
under section 125.182 of the Revised Code; 3260

(c) On the web site and social media account of the 3261
township. 3262

(F) If the proposed amendment intends to rezone or 3263
redistrict ten or fewer parcels of land as listed on the county 3264
auditor's current tax list, the published notice shall set forth 3265
the time, date, and place of the public hearing and include all 3266
of the following: 3267

(1) The name of the board of township trustees that will 3268
be conducting the hearing; 3269

(2) A statement indicating that the motion, application, 3270

or resolution is an amendment to the zoning resolution;	3271
(3) A list of the addresses of all properties to be rezoned or redistricted by the proposed amendment and of the names of owners of those properties, as they appear on the county auditor's current tax list;	3272 3273 3274 3275
(4) The present zoning classification of property named in the proposed amendment and the proposed zoning classification of that property;	3276 3277 3278
(5) The time and place where the motion, application, or resolution proposing to amend the zoning resolution will be available for examination for a period of at least ten days prior to the hearing;	3279 3280 3281 3282
(6) The name of the person responsible for giving notice of the hearing by publication, by mail, or by both publication and mail;	3283 3284 3285
(7) Any other information requested by the board.	3286
(G) If the proposed amendment alters the text of the zoning resolution, or rezones or redistricts more than ten parcels of land as listed on the county auditor's current tax list, the published notice shall set forth the time, date, and place of the public hearing and include all of the following:	3287 3288 3289 3290 3291
(1) The name of the board of township trustees that will be conducting the hearing on the proposed amendment;	3292 3293
(2) A statement indicating that the motion, application, or resolution is an amendment to the zoning resolution;	3294 3295
(3) The time and place where the text and maps of the proposed amendment will be available for examination for a period of at least ten days prior to the hearing;	3296 3297 3298

(4) The name of the person responsible for giving notice 3299
of the hearing by publication; 3300

(5) Any other information requested by the board. 3301

(H) Within twenty days after its public hearing, the board 3302
of township trustees shall either adopt or deny the 3303
recommendations of the township zoning commission or adopt some 3304
modification of them. If the board denies or modifies the 3305
commission's recommendations, a majority vote of the board shall 3306
be required. 3307

The proposed amendment, if adopted by the board, shall 3308
become effective in thirty days after the date of its adoption, 3309
unless, within thirty days after the adoption, there is 3310
presented to the board of township trustees a petition, signed 3311
by a number of registered electors residing in the 3312
unincorporated area of the township or part of that 3313
unincorporated area included in the zoning plan equal to not 3314
less than fifteen per cent of the total vote cast for all 3315
candidates for governor in that area at the most recent general 3316
election at which a governor was elected, requesting the board 3317
of township trustees to submit the amendment to the electors of 3318
that area for approval or rejection at a special election to be 3319
held on the day of the next primary or general election that 3320
occurs at least ninety days after the petition is filed. Each 3321
part of this petition shall contain the number and the full and 3322
correct title, if any, of the zoning amendment resolution, 3323
motion, or application, furnishing the name by which the 3324
amendment is known and a brief summary of its contents. In 3325
addition to meeting the requirements of this section, each 3326
petition shall be governed by the rules specified in section 3327
3501.38 of the Revised Code. 3328

The form of a petition calling for a zoning referendum and 3329
the statement of the circulator shall be substantially as 3330
follows: 3331

"PETITION FOR ZONING REFERENDUM 3332

(if the proposal is identified by a particular name or 3333
number, or both, these should be inserted here) 3334
_____ 3335

A proposal to amend the zoning map of the unincorporated 3336
area of _____ Township, _____ County, Ohio, 3337
adopted ____ (date) ____ (followed by brief summary of the 3338
proposal). 3339

To the Board of Township Trustees of _____ 3340
Township, _____ County, Ohio: 3341

We, the undersigned, being electors residing in the 3342
unincorporated area of _____ Township, 3343
included within the _____ Township Zoning Plan, equal to 3344
not less than fifteen per cent of the total vote cast for all 3345
candidates for governor in the area at the preceding general 3346
election at which a governor was elected, request the Board of 3347
Township Trustees to submit this amendment of the zoning 3348
resolution to the electors of _____ Township 3349
residing within the unincorporated area of the township included 3350
in the _____ Township Zoning Resolution, for 3351
approval or rejection at a special election to be held on the 3352
day of the primary or general election to be held on 3353
____ (date) ____, pursuant to section 519.12 of the Revised 3354
Code. 3355

Street Address	Date of	3356
Signature or R.F.D.	Township Precinct County Signing	3357

_____ 3358
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STATEMENT OF CIRCULATOR 3361

I, _____ (name of circulator) _____, declare 3362
under penalty of election falsification that I am an elector of 3363
the state of Ohio and reside at the address appearing below my 3364
signature; that I am the circulator of the foregoing part 3365
petition containing _____ (number) _____ signatures; that I 3366
have witnessed the affixing of every signature; that all signers 3367
were to the best of my knowledge and belief qualified to sign; 3368
and that every signature is to the best of my knowledge and 3369
belief the signature of the person whose signature it purports 3370
to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3371
3501.382 of the Revised Code. 3372

_____ 3373
(Signature of circulator) 3374
_____ 3375
(Address of circulator's permanent 3376
residence in this state) 3377
_____ 3378
(City, village, or township, 3379
and zip code) 3380

WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A 3381
FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE." 3382

The petition shall be filed with the board of township 3383

trustees and shall be accompanied by an appropriate map of the 3384
area affected by the zoning proposal. Within two weeks after 3385
receiving a petition filed under this section, the board of 3386
township trustees shall certify the petition to the board of 3387
elections. A petition filed under this section shall be 3388
certified to the board of elections not less than ninety days 3389
prior to the election at which the question is to be voted upon. 3390

The board of elections shall determine the sufficiency and 3391
validity of each petition certified to it by a board of township 3392
trustees under this section. If the board of elections 3393
determines that a petition is sufficient and valid, the question 3394
shall be voted upon at a special election to be held on the day 3395
of the next primary or general election that occurs at least 3396
ninety days after the date the petition is filed with the board 3397
of township trustees, regardless of whether any election will be 3398
held to nominate or elect candidates on that day. 3399

No amendment for which such a referendum vote has been 3400
requested shall be put into effect unless a majority of the vote 3401
cast on the issue is in favor of the amendment. Upon 3402
certification by the board of elections that the amendment has 3403
been approved by the voters, it shall take immediate effect. 3404

Within five working days after an amendment's effective 3405
date, the board of township trustees shall file the text and 3406
maps of the amendment in the office of the county recorder and 3407
with the county or regional planning commission, if one exists. 3408

The failure to file any amendment, or any text and maps, 3409
or duplicates of any of these documents, with the office of the 3410
county recorder or the county or regional planning commission as 3411
required by this section does not invalidate the amendment and 3412
is not grounds for an appeal of any decision of the board of 3413

zoning appeals. 3414

Sec. 519.15. The township board of zoning appeals shall 3415
organize and adopt rules in accordance with the zoning 3416
resolution. Meetings of the board of zoning appeals shall be 3417
held at the call of the chairperson, and at such other times as 3418
the board determines. The chairperson, or in the chairperson's 3419
absence the acting chairperson, may administer oaths, and the 3420
board of zoning appeals may compel the attendance of witnesses. 3421
All meetings of the board of zoning appeals shall be open to the 3422
public. The board of zoning appeals shall keep minutes of its 3423
proceedings showing the vote of each regular or alternate member 3424
upon each question, or, if absent or failing to vote, indicating 3425
such fact, and shall keep records of its examinations and other 3426
official actions, all of which shall be immediately filed in the 3427
office of the board of township trustees and be a public record. 3428

Appeals to the board of zoning appeals may be taken by any 3429
person aggrieved or by any officer of the township affected by 3430
any decision of the administrative officer. Such appeal shall be 3431
taken within twenty days after the decision by filing, with the 3432
officer from whom the appeal is taken and with the board of 3433
zoning appeals, a notice of appeal specifying the grounds. The 3434
officer from whom the appeal is taken shall transmit to the 3435
board of zoning appeals all the papers constituting the record 3436
upon which the action appealed from was taken. 3437

The board of zoning appeals shall fix a reasonable time 3438
for the public hearing of the appeal, give at least ten days' 3439
notice in writing to the parties in interest, give publish 3440
notice of such public hearing ~~by one publication in one or more~~ 3441
~~newspapers of general circulation in the county~~ at least ten 3442
days before the date of such hearing, and using at least one of 3443

the following methods: 3444

(A) In one or more newspapers of general circulation in 3445
the county; 3446

(B) On the official public notice web site established 3447
under section 125.182 of the Revised Code; 3448

(C) On the web site and social media account of the 3449
township. 3450

The board shall decide the appeal within a reasonable time 3451
after it is submitted. Upon the hearing, any person may appear 3452
in person or by attorney. 3453

The board of township trustees may require a person making 3454
an appeal to pay a fee to defray the cost of advertising, 3455
mailing, and other expenses. 3456

Sec. 519.99. Whoever violates sections 519.01 to 519.25 of 3457
the Revised Code shall be ~~fined~~assessed a civil fine of not 3458
more than five hundred dollars for each offense. The fine shall 3459
be collected by filing a civil action in the court of common 3460
pleas in the county where the property at issue is located. The 3461
complaint may combine a cause of action for collection of civil 3462
fines under this section with a cause of action for injunction, 3463
abatement, mandamus, or other appropriate relief under section 3464
519.24 of the Revised Code. Each day the violation continues 3465
from the date of a judgment granting relief under this section 3466
shall constitute a separate offense. 3467

Sec. 521.03. On receiving a petition filed under section 3468
521.02 of the Revised Code, or at the request of the board of 3469
township trustees, the township fiscal officer shall fix a time, 3470
not more than thirty days after the date of giving notice of the 3471
filing to the board or the date of receiving the request from 3472

the board, and place for a hearing on the issue of repair or 3473
maintenance of the tiles. The township fiscal officer shall 3474
prepare a notice in writing directed to the lot and land owners 3475
and to the corporations, either public or private, affected by 3476
the improvement. The notice shall set forth the substance of the 3477
petition or board request, and the time and place of the hearing 3478
on it. 3479

If the hearing is to be held in response to a petition, 3480
the township fiscal officer shall deliver a copy of the notice 3481
to any of the petitioners, who shall see that the notice is 3482
served on each lot or land owner or left at the lot or land 3483
owner's usual place of residence, and served on an officer or 3484
agent of each corporation affected by the improvement, at least 3485
fifteen days before the date set for the hearing. If the hearing 3486
is to be held at the request of the board, the board shall see 3487
that the notice is so served. On or before the day of the 3488
hearing, the person serving the notice shall certify, under 3489
oath, the time and manner of service, and shall file this 3490
certification with the township fiscal officer. 3491

The township fiscal officer shall give notice of the 3492
hearing to each nonresident lot or land owner, by publication 3493
once, ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in~~ 3494
~~which the township is situated,~~ at least two weeks before the 3495
day set for the hearing, using at least one of the following 3496
methods: 3497

(A) In a newspaper of general circulation in the county in 3498
which the township is situated; 3499

(B) On the official public notice web site established 3500
under section 125.182 of the Revised Code; 3501

(C) On the web site and social media account of the 3502
township. This 3503

This notice shall be verified by affidavit of the printer 3504
or other person knowing the fact, and shall be filed with the 3505
township fiscal officer on or before the day of the hearing. No 3506
further notice of the petition or the proceedings under it shall 3507
thereafter be required. 3508

Sec. 971.12. (A) If either owner fails to build or 3509
maintain in good repair the portion of a partition fence 3510
assigned to the owner under section 971.09 of the Revised Code, 3511
the board of township trustees, upon the application of the 3512
aggrieved owner, shall award the contract to the lowest 3513
responsible bidder agreeing to furnish the labor and material, 3514
and build or maintain the fence according to the specifications 3515
proposed by the board, after advertising for bids once a week 3516
for two consecutive weeks in using at least one of the following 3517
methods: 3518

(1) In a newspaper of general circulation in the county in 3519
which the township is situated; 3520

(2) On the official public notice web site established 3521
under section 125.182 of the Revised Code; 3522

(3) On the web site and social media account of the 3523
township. 3524

(B) The board may also cause notice to be inserted in 3525
trade papers or other publications designated by it or to be 3526
distributed by electronic means, including posting the notice on 3527
the board's internet web site. If the board posts the notice on 3528
its web site, it may eliminate the second notice otherwise 3529
required to be published in a newspaper of general circulation 3530

~~in the county, provided that the first notice published in such newspaper meets all of the following requirements:~~ 3531
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~~(1) It is published at least two weeks before the opening of bids.~~ 3533
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~~(2) It includes a statement that the notice is posted on the board's internet web site.~~ 3535
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~~(3) It includes the internet address of the board's internet web site.~~ 3537
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~~(4) It includes instructions describing how the notice may be accessed on the board's internet web site.~~ 3539
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~~(B)~~ (C) If no bids are received from responsible bidders as provided in this section, the trustees shall procure labor and materials at prevailing rates and cause the fence to be constructed or maintained. 3541
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~~(C)~~ (D) No person shall obstruct or interfere with anyone lawfully engaged in construction or maintenance of a partition fence or in the performance of any other act described in this section. 3545
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Sec. 971.99. (A) Except as otherwise provided in division (B), (C), or (D) of this section, whoever violates division (B) of section 971.08 or division ~~(C)~~ (D) of section 971.12 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree. 3549
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(B) Whoever violates division (B) of section 971.08 or division ~~(C)~~ (D) of section 971.12 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree if, in committing the offense, the violator made a threat of physical harm to the person that was building or maintaining a partition fence. 3553
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(C) Whoever violates division (B) of section 971.08 or 3558

division ~~(C)~~ (D) of section 971.12 of the Revised Code is guilty 3559
of a misdemeanor of the first degree if, in committing the 3560
offense, the violator caused physical harm to the person that 3561
was building or maintaining a partition fence. 3562

(D) Whoever violates division (B) of section 971.08 or 3563
division ~~(C)~~ (D) of section 971.12 of the Revised Code is guilty 3564
of a felony of the fifth degree if, in committing the offense, 3565
the violator caused serious physical harm or death to the person 3566
that was building or maintaining a partition fence. 3567

(E) Prosecution for a violation of division (B) of section 3568
971.08 or division ~~(C)~~ (D) of section 971.12 of the Revised Code 3569
does not preclude prosecution for a violation of any other 3570
section of the Revised Code. One or more acts, a series of acts, 3571
or a course of behavior that can be prosecuted under this 3572
section or any other section of the Revised Code may be 3573
prosecuted under this section, the other section, or both 3574
sections. 3575

Sec. 4503.16. As used in this section, "original owner" 3576
includes, with respect to any motor vehicle owned by the federal 3577
government and loaned to the state or any of its political 3578
subdivisions for use in a federal program, the state or the 3579
political subdivision to which the motor vehicle has been loaned 3580
and in the name of which the vehicle is registered. 3581

Title to motor vehicles acquired by the state or any of 3582
its political subdivisions, whether used for either governmental 3583
or proprietary functions, shall be registered. Motor vehicles 3584
owned by the federal government and loaned to the state or any 3585
of its political subdivisions for use in a federal program shall 3586
be registered in the name of the state or political subdivision 3587
without the presentation of a certificate of title or other 3588

evidence of ownership as required by section 4503.10 of the Revised Code, when the registrar is satisfied that the motor vehicles are on loan from the federal government and are being used exclusively in a federal program. Such vehicles that have been registered and that are used exclusively in the performance of the governmental or proprietary functions of the state or any political subdivision thereof shall not be subject to charge of any kind; but this provision does not exempt the operation of such vehicles from any other provision of Chapters 4501., 4503, 4505., 4507., 4509., 4511., 4515., and 4517. of the Revised Code, and the penal laws relating to them.

The registrar of motor vehicles shall accept any application to register a motor vehicle owned by the federal government that may be made by any officer, department, or agent of such government.

The registrar shall issue permanent license plates for motor vehicles acquired by the state or any of its political subdivisions, or loaned to the state or any of its political subdivisions by the federal government for use in a federal program, which have been registered and that are used exclusively in the performance of the governmental or proprietary functions of the state or any political subdivision thereof, or are used exclusively in a federal program. With respect to permanent license plates issued for motor vehicles owned and used by a township for governmental or proprietary functions, such license plates shall display upon them the term "township" in bold letters.

The registrar shall also issue permanent license plates for all motor vehicles owned and registered by the federal government. Such permanent license plates if lost, stolen, or

destroyed, shall be replaced gratis with another permanent 3619
number. 3620

Upon the transfer of ownership of a motor vehicle or 3621
termination by the federal government of any loan of a motor 3622
vehicle for which permanent license plates are issued, the 3623
registration of such motor vehicle shall expire and the original 3624
owner shall immediately remove such license plates from such 3625
motor vehicle. Should the original owner at any time make 3626
application for the registration of another motor vehicle, ~~he~~ 3627
the original owner may file an application for transfer of 3628
registration accompanied by the original certificate of 3629
registration, for which there shall be no transfer fee. 3630

Sec. 4504.18. For the purpose of paying the costs and 3631
expenses of enforcing and administering the tax provided for in 3632
this section; for the construction, reconstruction, improvement, 3633
maintenance, and repair of township roads, bridges, and 3634
culverts; for purchasing, erecting, and maintaining traffic 3635
signs, markers, lights, and signals; for purchasing road 3636
machinery and equipment, and planning, constructing, and 3637
maintaining suitable buildings to house such equipment; for 3638
paying any costs apportioned to the township under section 3639
4907.47 of the Revised Code; and to supplement revenue already 3640
available for such purposes, the board of township trustees may 3641
levy an annual license tax, in addition to the tax levied by 3642
sections 4503.02, 4503.07, and 4503.18 of the Revised Code, upon 3643
the operation of motor vehicles on the public roads and highways 3644
in the unincorporated territory of the township. The tax shall 3645
be at the rate of five dollars per motor vehicle on all motor 3646
vehicles the owners of which reside in the unincorporated area 3647
of the township and shall be in addition to the taxes at the 3648
rates specified in sections 4503.04 and 4503.16 of the Revised 3649

Code, subject to reductions in the manner provided in section 3650
4503.11 of the Revised Code and the exemptions provided in 3651
sections 4503.16, 4503.17, 4503.171, 4503.41, and 4503.43 of the 3652
Revised Code. 3653

Prior to the adoption of any resolution under this 3654
section, the board of township trustees shall conduct two public 3655
hearings thereon, the second hearing to be not less than three 3656
nor more than ten days after the first. Notice of the date, 3657
time, and place of such hearings shall be given by publication 3658
~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the township or as~~ 3659
~~provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code,~~ once a week on the 3660
same day of the week for two consecutive weeks, the second 3661
publication being not less than ten nor more than thirty days 3662
prior to the first hearing, using at least one of the following 3663
methods: 3664

(A) In a newspaper of general circulation in the township; 3665

(B) On the official public notice web site established 3666
under section 125.182 of the Revised Code; 3667

(C) On the web site and social media account of the 3668
township. 3669

No resolution under this section shall become effective 3670
sooner than thirty days following its adoption, and such 3671
resolution is subject to a referendum in the same manner, except 3672
as to the form of the petition, as provided in division (H) of 3673
section 519.12 of the Revised Code for a proposed amendment to a 3674
township zoning resolution. In addition, a petition under this 3675
section shall be governed by the rules specified in section 3676
3501.38 of the Revised Code. No resolution levying a tax under 3677
this section for which a referendum vote has been requested 3678

shall go into effect unless approved by a majority of those 3679
voting upon it. 3680

A township license tax levied under this section shall 3681
continue in effect until repealed. 3682

Sec. 4504.181. (A) (1) The board of township trustees of a 3683
township may, by resolution, levy an annual license tax upon the 3684
operation of motor vehicles on the public roads and highways in 3685
the unincorporated territory of the township for any authorized 3686
purpose. A tax levied under this section is in addition to the 3687
tax levied by sections 4503.02 and 4503.07 of the Revised Code 3688
and any other tax levied under this chapter. The tax shall be at 3689
the rate of five dollars per motor vehicle on all motor vehicles 3690
the district of registration of which is located in the 3691
unincorporated area of the township levying the tax, as defined 3692
in section 4503.10 of the Revised Code. The rate of the tax is 3693
in addition to the tax rates prescribed in sections 4503.04 and 3694
4503.042 of the Revised Code and is subject to both of the 3695
following: 3696

(a) The reductions in the manner provided in section 3697
4503.11 of the Revised Code; 3698

(b) The exemptions provided in sections 4503.16, 4503.17, 3699
4503.172, 4503.173, 4503.18, 4503.41, 4503.43, 4503.46, and 3700
4503.571 of the Revised Code. 3701

(2) As used in division (A) (1) of this section, 3702
"authorized purpose" means any of the following: 3703

(a) Paying the costs and expenses of enforcing and 3704
administering the tax provided for in this section; 3705

(b) Paying for construction, reconstruction, improvement, 3706
maintenance, and repair of township roads, bridges, and 3707

culverts;	3708
(c) Purchasing, erecting, and maintaining traffic signs, markers, lights, and signals;	3709 3710
(d) Purchasing road machinery and equipment, and planning, constructing, and maintaining suitable buildings to house such equipment;	3711 3712 3713
(e) Paying any costs apportioned to the township under section 4907.47 of the Revised Code;	3714 3715
(f) Supplementing revenue already available for the aforementioned purposes.	3716 3717
(B) Prior to the adoption of any resolution under this section, the board of township trustees shall conduct two public hearings on the resolution, the second hearing to be not less than three but not more than ten days after the first hearing. The board shall provide notice of the date, time, and place of both hearings by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the township, or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code, once a week on the same day of the week for two consecutive weeks <u>using at least one of the following</u> <u>publications:</u>	3718 3719 3720 3721 3722 3723 3724 3725 3726 3727
<u>(1) In a newspaper of general circulation in the township;</u>	3728
<u>(2) On the official public notice web site established</u> <u>under section 125.182 of the Revised Code;</u>	3729 3730
<u>(3) On the web site and social media account of the</u> <u>township. The</u>	3731 3732
<u>The</u> second publication shall be not less than ten but not more than thirty days prior to the first hearing.	3733 3734

(C) No resolution adopted under this section shall become 3735
effective sooner than thirty days following its adoption. A 3736
resolution under this section is subject to a referendum in the 3737
same manner, except as to the form of the petition, as provided 3738
in division (H) of section 519.12 of the Revised Code for a 3739
proposed amendment to a township zoning resolution. In addition, 3740
a petition under this section shall be governed by the rules 3741
specified in section 3501.38 of the Revised Code. 3742

No resolution levying a tax under this section for which a 3743
referendum vote has been requested shall go into effect unless 3744
approved by a majority of those voting upon it. 3745

(D) A township license tax levied under this section 3746
continues in effect until repealed. 3747

Sec. 5549.21. The board of township trustees may purchase 3748
or lease such machinery and tools as are necessary for use in 3749
constructing, reconstructing, maintaining, and repairing roads 3750
and culverts within the township, and shall provide suitable 3751
places for housing and storing machinery and tools owned by the 3752
township. It may purchase such material and employ such labor as 3753
is necessary for carrying into effect this section, or it may 3754
authorize the purchase or employment of such material and labor 3755
by one of its number, or by the township highway superintendent, 3756
at a price to be fixed by the board. All payments on account of 3757
machinery, tools, material, and labor shall be made from the 3758
township road fund or the township's general fund. Except as 3759
otherwise provided in sections 505.08, 505.101, and 5513.01 of 3760
the Revised Code, all purchases of materials, machinery, and 3761
tools shall, if the amount involved exceeds the amount specified 3762
in section 9.17 of the Revised Code, be made from the lowest 3763
responsible bidder after advertisement, as provided in section 3764

5575.01 of the Revised Code. 3765

If, in compliance with section 505.10 of the Revised Code, 3766
the board wishes to sell machinery, equipment, or tools owned by 3767
the township to the person from whom it is to purchase other 3768
machinery, equipment, or tools, the board may offer, if the 3769
amount of the purchase alone involved does not exceed the amount 3770
specified in section 9.17 of the Revised Code, to sell such 3771
machinery, equipment, or tools and have the amount credited by 3772
the vendor against the purchase of the other machinery, 3773
equipment, or tools. If the purchase price of the other 3774
machinery, equipment, or tools alone exceeds the amount 3775
specified in section 9.17 of the Revised Code, the board may 3776
give notice to the competitive bidders of its willingness to 3777
accept offers for the purchase of the old machinery, equipment, 3778
or tools, and those offers shall be subtracted from the selling 3779
price of the other machinery, equipment, or tools as bid, in 3780
determining the lowest responsible bidder. Notice of the 3781
willingness of the board to accept offers for the purchase of 3782
the old machinery, equipment, or tools shall be made as a part 3783
of the advertisement for bids. 3784

Sec. 5571.011. If a person through whose land a public 3785
road has been established which is under the jurisdiction of a 3786
board of township trustees, desires to turn or change or 3787
relocate such road or any part thereof through any part of the 3788
person's land, the person may file a petition with such board of 3789
township trustees setting forth briefly the particular change 3790
desired. Upon receipt of such petition, the board of township 3791
trustees shall give notice by publication once, not later than 3792
two weeks ~~prior to~~ before the date which such board shall fix 3793
for a hearing on such petition, ~~in using at least one of the~~ 3794
following methods: 3795

(A) In a newspaper of general circulation in said 3796
township, ~~stating~~; 3797

(B) On the official public notice web site established 3798
under section 125.182 of the Revised Code; 3799

(C) On the web site and social media account of the 3800
township. 3801

The notice shall state that such petition has been filed 3802
and setting forth the change desired in such road and the date 3803
and place of such hearing. 3804

Upon receipt of such a petition the board of township 3805
trustees shall cause a competent engineer to make a survey of 3806
the ground over which the road is proposed to be changed, and to 3807
make a report in writing, together with a plat and survey of the 3808
proposed change and the engineer's opinion as to its advantage 3809
or disadvantage. The report of such engineer shall be filed with 3810
the board prior to the hearing of such petition. 3811

At the hearing had on the petition the board of township 3812
trustees may hear evidence for or against changing the road, and 3813
if the board is satisfied that the proposed change will not 3814
cause serious injury or disadvantage to the public, it may make 3815
a finding of such fact in its journal and authorize the 3816
petitioner to change such road in conformity with the prayer of 3817
the petition. The board may grant the change as prayed for in 3818
the petition, or it may order such change of the route of such 3819
road as will, in its judgment, be for the best interest of the 3820
public. 3821

Upon receiving satisfactory evidence that the road has 3822
been changed as authorized by it, and opened to the legal width 3823
and improved as required by it, the board of township trustees 3824

shall declare such new road a public highway and cause a record 3825
thereof to be made and at the same time vacate so much of the 3826
old road as is rendered unnecessary by the new road. The person 3827
petitioning for such change shall in all cases pay all costs and 3828
expenses in connection with the proceeding, as found and 3829
determined by the board, and the expense of making such change, 3830
including the cost of relocation of any conduits, cables, wires, 3831
towers, poles or other equipment or appliances of any public 3832
utility, located on, over or under such road. The petitioner 3833
shall, on the filing of the petition for such change, give bond 3834
to the satisfaction of the board in such amount as it determines 3835
to secure payment of the costs of the proceeding and to cover 3836
the expense of making the change asked for by the petition. 3837

Sec. 5571.20. (A) Except as otherwise provided in division 3838
(D) of this section, a board of township trustees by resolution 3839
may place a graveled or unimproved township road under its 3840
jurisdiction that is not passable year-round or any portion of 3841
such a road on nonmaintained status. Prior to adopting a 3842
resolution that places a road on nonmaintained status, the board 3843
shall hold at least two public hearings to allow for public 3844
comment on the proposed resolution. The board, at special or 3845
regular meetings, shall publicize the times and places of the 3846
hearings by causing a notice to be published ~~in a newspaper of~~ 3847
~~general circulation in the county in which the road is located~~ 3848
at least ten days prior to the date of the first meeting using 3849
at least one of the following methods: 3850

(1) In a newspaper of general circulation in the county in 3851
which the road is located; 3852

(2) On the official public notice web site established 3853
under section 125.182 of the Revised Code; 3854

(3) On the web site and social media account of the 3855
township. If- 3856

If the township maintains a web site on the internet, the 3857
same notice also shall be posted on the web site at least ten 3858
days prior to the date of the first meeting. Upon adoption of 3859
such a resolution, the board is not required to cause the road 3860
to be dragged at any time, or to cut, destroy, or remove any 3861
brush, weeds, briars, bushes, or thistles upon or along the 3862
road, or to remove snow from the road, or to maintain or repair 3863
the road in any manner. The board, in its discretion, may cause 3864
any of these actions to be performed on or to a road that it has 3865
placed on nonmaintained status. 3866

(B) Prior to adopting a resolution under division (A) of 3867
this section, the board shall request the county engineer to 3868
issue an advisory opinion regarding the consequences of placing 3869
the road on nonmaintained status, including any impact such 3870
action would have on adjoining property owners. A board may 3871
adopt a resolution under division (A) of this section only after 3872
the county engineer issues the advisory opinion and the county 3873
engineer, in the advisory opinion, finds that placing the road 3874
on nonmaintained status will not unduly adversely affect the 3875
flow of motor vehicle traffic on that road or on any adjacent 3876
road. 3877

(C) (1) A board may terminate the nonmaintained status of a 3878
township road by adopting a resolution to that effect. If the 3879
owner of land adjoining a road that has been placed on 3880
nonmaintained status requests the board to terminate the 3881
nonmaintained status of the road, the board, in its resolution 3882
that terminates that nonmaintained status, may require the owner 3883
to pay the costs of upgrading the road to locally adopted 3884

township standards. 3885

(2) If the owner of land adjoining a road that has been 3886
placed on nonmaintained status upgrades the road to the 3887
standards most recently certified by the county engineer for the 3888
road, the board shall terminate the nonmaintained status of the 3889
road and then shall maintain and repair the road according to 3890
such standards. However, division (C)(2) of this section does 3891
not apply to a road or portion of a road that, prior to being 3892
placed on nonmaintained status, was not certified by the board 3893
of township trustees to the director of transportation in 3894
accordance with division (E) of section 4501.04 of the Revised 3895
Code as mileage in the township used by and maintained for the 3896
public. 3897

(3) The owner of land adjoining a road that was placed on 3898
nonmaintained status prior to April 7, 2009, or land owner of 3899
land whose only access to such a road is by easement may 3900
petition the board for review of the nonmaintained status of the 3901
road if the road provides the exclusive means for obtaining 3902
access to the land. Upon receipt of a petition, the board shall 3903
review the status of the road and shall terminate the 3904
nonmaintained status if the board finds that the road provides 3905
such exclusive means for obtaining access to the land. After 3906
completing the review, the board shall adopt a resolution either 3907
retaining or terminating the nonmaintained status of the road. 3908
If the board terminates the nonmaintained status of a road under 3909
division (C)(3) of this section, the board shall not require the 3910
owner to pay the costs of upgrading, maintaining, or repairing 3911
the road. However, division (C)(3) of this section does not 3912
apply to a road or portion of a road that, prior to being placed 3913
on nonmaintained status, was not certified by the board of 3914
township trustees to the director in accordance with division 3915

(E) of section 4501.04 of the Revised Code as mileage in the township used by and maintained for the public.

(D) A graveled or unimproved road may not be placed on nonmaintained status if the road is the exclusive means for obtaining access to land that adjoins that road and the road is passable year-round.

(E) For purposes of this section, a road is passable year-round if a four-wheeled, two-wheel drive passenger motor vehicle can be driven on the road year-round, apart from seasonal conditions caused by weather-related events.

Sec. 5573.02. Upon the completion of the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates, and specifications for a road improvement by the county engineer, the engineer shall transmit to the board of township trustees copies of the same. Except in cases of reconstruction or repair of roads, where no land or property is taken, the board shall then ~~cause to be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the township~~ publish, once a week for two consecutive weeks ~~or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code~~, a notice using at least one of the following methods:

(A) In a newspaper of general circulation within the township;

(B) On the official public notice web site established under section 125.182 of the Revised Code;

(C) On the web site and social media account of the township.

The notice shall state that such improvement is to be made and that copies of the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates, and specifications for it are on file with the board

for the inspection and examination of all persons interested. 3945

In the event that land or property is to be taken for such 3946
improvement, proceedings shall be had in accordance with 3947
sections 163.01 to 163.22 of the Revised Code. 3948

Sec. 5573.10. As soon as all questions of compensation and 3949
damages have been determined for any road improvement, the 3950
county engineer shall make, upon actual view, an estimated 3951
assessment, upon the real estate to be charged, of such part of 3952
the compensation, damages, and costs of such improvement as is 3953
to be specially assessed. Such assessment shall be according to 3954
the benefits which will result to the real estate. In making 3955
such assessment the engineer may take into consideration any 3956
previous special assessment made upon such real estate for road 3957
improvements. 3958

The schedule for such assessments shall be filed with the 3959
board of township trustees for the inspection of the persons 3960
interested. Before adopting the estimated assessment, the board 3961
shall publish a notice once each week for two consecutive weeks, ~~—~~ 3962
~~in using at least one of the following methods:~~ 3963

(A) In a newspaper of general circulation within such 3964
~~township or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code,;~~ 3965

(B) On the official public notice web site established 3966
under section 125.182 of the Revised Code; 3967

(C) On the web site and social media account of the 3968
township. 3969

The notice shall state that such assessment has been made 3970
and is on file with the board, and the date when objections will 3971
be heard to such assessment. 3972

If any owner of property affected desires to make objections, the owner may file objections to such assessments, in writing, with the board, before the time of such hearing. If any objections are filed the board shall hear them and act as an equalizing board, and may change assessments if, in its opinion, any changes are necessary to make them just and equitable. The board shall approve and confirm assessments as reported by the engineer or modified by the board. Such assessments, when approved and confirmed, shall be a lien on the land chargeable therewith.

Sec. 5575.01. (A) In the maintenance and repair of roads, the board of township trustees may proceed either by contract or force account, but, unless the exemption specified in division (C) of this section applies, if the board wishes to proceed by force account, it first shall cause the county engineer to complete the force account assessment form developed by the auditor of state under section 117.16 of the Revised Code. Except as otherwise provided in sections 505.08 and 505.101 of the Revised Code, when the board proceeds by contract, the contract shall, if the amount involved exceeds one hundred five thousand dollars, be let by the board to the lowest responsible bidder after advertisement for bids once, not later than two weeks, prior to the date fixed for the letting of the contract, in using at least one of the following methods:

(1) In a newspaper of general circulation within the township;

(2) On the official public notice web site established under section 125.182 of the Revised Code;

(3) On the web site and social media account of the township. If

If the amount involved is one hundred five thousand 4003
dollars or less, a contract may be let without competitive 4004
bidding, or the work may be done by force account. Such a 4005
contract shall be performed under the supervision of a member of 4006
the board or the township road superintendent. 4007

(B) Before undertaking the construction or reconstruction 4008
of a township road, the board shall cause to be made by the 4009
county engineer an estimate of the cost of the work, which 4010
estimate shall include labor, material, freight, fuel, hauling, 4011
use of machinery and equipment, and all other items of cost. If 4012
the board finds it in the best interest of the public, it may, 4013
in lieu of constructing the road by contract, proceed to 4014
construct the road by force account. Except as otherwise 4015
provided under sections 505.08 and 505.101 of the Revised Code, 4016
where the total estimated cost of the work exceeds thirty-five 4017
thousand dollars per mile, the board shall invite and receive 4018
competitive bids for furnishing all the labor, materials, and 4019
equipment and doing the work, as provided in section 5575.02 of 4020
the Revised Code, and shall consider and reject them before 4021
ordering the work done by force account. When such bids are 4022
received, considered, and rejected, and the work is done by 4023
force account, the work shall be performed in compliance with 4024
the plans and specifications upon which the bids were based. 4025

(C) Force account assessment forms are not required under 4026
division (A) of this section for road maintenance or repair 4027
projects or under division (B) of this section for road 4028
construction or reconstruction projects of less than one-third 4029
of the applicable force account limit. 4030

(D) On the first day of July of every year beginning in 4031
2024, the threshold amounts established in divisions (A) and (B) 4032

of this section shall increase by an amount not to exceed the 4033
lesser of five per cent, or the percentage amount of any 4034
increase in the department of transportation's construction cost 4035
index as annualized and totaled for the prior calendar year. The 4036
director of transportation shall notify each appropriate county 4037
engineer of the increased amount. 4038

(E) All force account work under this section shall be 4039
done under the direction of a member of the board or the 4040
township road superintendent. 4041

Sec. 5575.02. After the board of township trustees has 4042
decided to proceed with a road improvement, it shall advertise 4043
for bids once, not later than two weeks prior to the date fixed 4044
for the letting of contracts, in using at least one of the 4045
following methods: 4046

(A) In a newspaper of general circulation within the 4047
township; 4048

(B) On the official public notice web site established 4049
under section 125.182 of the Revised Code; 4050

(C) On the web site and social media account of the 4051
township. Such- 4052

Such notice shall state that copies of the surveys, plans, 4053
profiles, cross sections, and specifications for such 4054
improvement are on file with the board, and the time within 4055
which bids will be received. The board may let the work as a 4056
whole or in convenient sections, as it determines. The contract 4057
shall be awarded to the lowest and best bidder who meets the 4058
requirements of section 153.54 of the Revised Code, and shall be 4059
let upon the basis of lump sum bids, unless the board orders 4060
that it be let upon the basis of unit price bids, in which event 4061

it shall be let upon such basis. 4062

The board is not required to provide notice of the project 4063
cost estimate when advertising for bids under this section. 4064

Sec. 5579.05. (A) Upon receiving written information that 4065
noxious weeds, wild parsnip, wild carrot, oxeye daisy, wild 4066
mustard, or other harmful weeds are growing on land in a 4067
township, other than land owned or managed by the department of 4068
natural resources, or park land owned or managed by the state or 4069
a political subdivision, the board of township trustees shall 4070
notify the owner, lessee, agent, or tenant having charge of the 4071
land of the receipt of the information and of the obligations 4072
imposed by this section. Within five days after the notification 4073
is given, the person notified shall cut or destroy the weeds or 4074
show the board why there is no need for doing so. 4075

If the person in charge of the land is a resident of the 4076
township or a nonresident whose address is known, the notice 4077
shall be sent to ~~his~~ the resident's or nonresident's address by 4078
certified mail. If the person's address is unknown, it is 4079
sufficient to publish the notice once ~~in~~ using at least one of 4080
the following methods: 4081

(1) In a newspaper of general circulation in the county; 4082

(2) On the official public notice web site established 4083
under section 125.182 of the Revised Code; 4084

(3) On the web site and social media account of the 4085
township. 4086

(B) Upon receiving information that wild parsnip, wild 4087
carrot, oxeye daisy, wild mustard, or noxious weeds are growing 4088
in a township on land owned or managed by the department of 4089
natural resources, or on park land owned or managed by the state 4090

or a political subdivision, the board of township trustees shall 4091
notify the county extension agent for the county in which the 4092
township is located of the receipt of the information. Within 4093
five days after the notification is given, the extension agent 4094
shall meet in committee with a person designated for this 4095
purpose by the governing authority of the land and, if the land 4096
is within a soil and water conservation district, with a 4097
supervisor of the district designated by the district 4098
supervisors, to consider ways to deal with the problem, and 4099
shall, within such five days, report the committee's findings 4100
and recommendations to the board of township trustees. 4101

This section and sections 5579.06 and 5579.07 of the 4102
Revised Code do not apply to persons subject to section 4959.11 4103
of the Revised Code. 4104

Section 2. That existing sections 349.01, 349.03, 349.14, 4105
501.07, 503.162, 503.40, 503.41, 503.42, 503.43, 503.44, 503.47, 4106
503.48, 503.49, 503.50, 504.02, 504.03, 504.12, 504.121, 4107
504.122, 504.123, 504.124, 504.126, 504.21, 505.07, 505.10, 4108
505.17, 505.26, 505.264, 505.28, 505.37, 505.373, 505.55, 4109
505.73, 505.75, 505.76, 505.82, 505.86, 505.87, 505.871, 507.05, 4110
511.03, 511.04, 511.12, 511.21, 515.01, 515.04, 517.07, 517.073, 4111
517.12, 517.22, 519.06, 519.08, 519.09, 519.12, 519.15, 519.99, 4112
521.03, 971.12, 971.99, 4503.16, 4504.18, 4504.181, 5549.21, 4113
5571.011, 5571.20, 5573.02, 5573.10, 5575.01, 5575.02, and 4114
5579.05 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 4115

Section 3. That sections 503.45, 503.46, 504.125, 511.01, 4116
and 511.02 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 4117

Section 4. All items in this act are hereby appropriated 4118
as designated out of any moneys in the state treasury to the 4119
credit of the designated fund. For all operating appropriations 4120

made in this act, those in the first column are for fiscal year 4121
 2024 and those in the second column are for fiscal year 2025. 4122
 The operating appropriations made in this act are in addition to 4123
 any other operating appropriations made for these fiscal years. 4124

Section 5. 4125

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A	DEV DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT				
B	General Revenue Fund				
C	GRF	195420	Housing Technical Assistance	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
D	TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund			\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
E	TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS			\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000

HOUSING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE 4127

The foregoing appropriation item 195420, Housing Technical 4128
 Assistance, shall be used to offer grants to political 4129
 subdivisions, as defined by section 9.482 of the Revised Code, 4130
 seeking to modernize regulations and processes tied to zoning 4131
 efforts. 4132

Section 6. 4133

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A	FUN STATE BOARD OF EMBALMERS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS		
B	General Revenue Fund		
C	GRF 881500	Indigent Burial and Cremation Support	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000
D	TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund		\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000
E	TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000

Section 7. Within the limits set forth in this act, the 4135
Director of Budget and Management shall establish accounts 4136
indicating the source and amount of funds for each appropriation 4137
made in this act, and shall determine the manner in which 4138
appropriation accounts shall be maintained. Expenditures from 4139
operating appropriations contained in this act shall be 4140
accounted for as though made in, and are subject to all 4141
applicable provisions of, H.B. 33 of the 135th General Assembly. 4142

Section 8. The General Assembly, applying the principle 4143
stated in division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that 4144
amendments are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of 4145
simultaneous operation, finds that the following sections, 4146
presented in this act as composites of the sections as amended 4147
by the acts indicated, are the resulting versions of the 4148
sections in effect prior to the effective date of the sections 4149
as presented in this act: 4150

Section 505.75 of the Revised Code as amended by both H.B. 4151
175 and S.B. 115 of the 125th General Assembly. 4152

Section 971.07 (971.12) of the Revised Code as amended and 4153
renumbered by H.B. 323 and as amended by S.B. 268, both of the 4154

127th General Assembly.

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