

ORDINANCE 24-05, an ordinance amending the Lawrence County Zoning Ordinance

This ordinance changes the current process and decision-making for Conditional Use Permits (CUPs) from the Lawrence County Commissioners to an existing Board of Adjustment (BOA). This action eliminates our right to petition our local government – BOA decisions are not referable. The commissioners appoint the BOA – and they have appointed themselves! Concerned Lawrence County citizens are circulating a petition to submit this ordinance to the voters of the county for their approval or rejection pursuant to law.

What can you do?

- (1) Lawrence County registered voters can sign a petition for a ballot measure that will allow voters to democratically approve or reject Ordinance 24-05. Numerous individuals around the county are circulating petitions.
- (2) Anyone interested can volunteer to circulate a petition. Petitions must be notarized and returned by December 18. Please contact Kristen Wing at 713-542-7559 or Naomi Merchant at 703-740-7888 for more information. We are encouraging petition circulators to use existing groups and associations with which they are affiliated to gather signatures. Our hope is that members of the Lawrence County Prairie Hills Audubon Society will be able to help with this petition drive.