

What does Home Rule mean for a Village ?

It means you give away your right to vote on future tax increases. It means you give government bureaucrats a **blank check with your signature!**

Home Rule will do the following:

- ★ Allows a Village to raise property taxes without limit and **without voter approval!**
- ★ Allows a Village to **impose new taxes** on services , products, groceries, gasoline, parking...virtually anything, driving local customers out of the Village to nearby non-home rule communities.
- ★ Allows Village bureaucrats to protect, and even increase, their own salaries and pensions **without voter approval!**
- ★ Allows Villages to exceed the property tax cap and **incur unlimited debt** without voter approval!

Home Rule ***always means higher taxes.***

Why else would government bureaucrats seek to strip your right to vote!

The Sun-Times media group opined: "Under home rule, towns have no borrowing limits and don't need voters to agree to incur greater debt. Such local control is a nice concept but often hasn't worked well and has been a disaster for some towns.

The Tribune writes: "Municipal advocates insist that home-rule power has largely improved towns, but the Tribune found suburb after suburb has gone deep in the hole..."

"Home Rule" is one of the most financially devastating schemes Illinois politicians have ever come up with, according to Jim Tobin, President of Taxpayers United of America. Government needs to live within its means and cut spending when revenue declines.

Former State Representative Harold Katz says: "Home rule proponents want to take from you your historic right to make the final decision at the ballot box if a substantial policy issue arises... There is no reasonable necessity for people to give up their democratic rights to participate in the governing of the village."

It's no wonder that 85 percent of Illinois municipalities are not home rule.

