

MUNICIPAL HOME RULE PROGRAM

City/Town ● of Follansbee

2019
PROGRESS
REPORT

West Virginia
Municipal Home Rule Board
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West Virginia State Code §8-1-5a (m) provides:

“Commencing December 1, 2015, and each year thereafter, each participating municipality shall give a progress report to the Municipal Home Rule Board and commencing January 1, 2016, and each year thereafter, the Municipal Home Rule Board shall give a summary report of all the participating municipalities to the Joint Committee on Government and Finance.”

The Municipal Home Rule Board has developed this standard format for Home Rule Program participating municipalities to prepare and submit their respective Annual Progress Reports. The intent of this standard format is to gather and compile information in a consistent, easily understood, and efficient manner that will be used to develop a concise and practical summary report to the Joint Committee on Government and Finance.

Annual Progress Reports must be submitted electronically as an individual file in PDF format no later than the close of business on the first business day of December, by emailing to WV Municipal Home Rule Board at MunicipalHomeRule@wv.gov.

A. General Information		
Name of Municipality: FOLLANSBEE		
Certifying Official: David P. Kurcina	Title: City Clerk	
Contact Person: John A. DeStefano, Jr.	Title: City Manager	
Address: PO Box 606		
City, State, Zip: Follansbee, WV 26037		
Telephone Number:304-527-1330	Fax Number:304-527-2615	
E-Mail Address: citymgr@follansbeewv.gov		
2010 Census Population: 2985		
B. Municipal Classification		
<input type="checkbox"/> Class I <input type="checkbox"/> Class II <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Class III <input type="checkbox"/> Class IV		
C. Attest		
I hereby confirm that I am the authorized official for this municipality and certify that the information submitted herein and attached hereto is true and accurate and that this report addresses each and every initiative included in the original Home Rule Pilot Program Plan Application for this municipality and any subsequent amendments, if applicable.		
David P. Kurcina		11/26/2019
Type Name of Certifying Official	Signature of Certifying Official	Date

Please use this page to report progress on each **non-tax related initiative** included in your Home Rule Application and Amendment(s). Each non-tax related initiative must be listed on a separate page.

Initiative:
Was this non-tax initiative a part of your original plan application <input type="checkbox"/> or a plan amendment <input type="checkbox"/> ?
Has the ordinance(s) needed to implement this initiative been enacted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, when was the ordinance enacted?
If no, please describe challenges faced in enacting the related ordinance(s).
SUCSESSES – In the space below, please provide a brief narrative which highlights successes realized through the implementation of this initiative and any metrics used to track performance.
LESSONS LEARNED – In the space below, please provide a brief narrative highlighting lessons learned during implementation of this revenue initiative that would benefit other municipalities.

Please use this page to report progress on each tax related initiative included in your Home Rule Application. Each tax related initiative must be listed on a separate page.

✓ Initiative: 1% sales tax
Was this tax initiative a part of your original plan application <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> or a plan amendment <input type="checkbox"/> or N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Has the ordinance(s) needed to implement this initiative been enacted? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, when was the ordinance enacted? 12/12/2016
If no, please describe challenges faced in enacting the related ordinance(s).
REVENUES – In the space below, please provide a brief narrative highlighting revenue amounts and revenue categories realized; revenue amounts and revenue categories reduced; net revenue gain; and, any metrics used to track performance. \$364,422.07 was generated from Sales and Use tax in FY 2018-2019 The reduction in B&O revolved around food related businesses and car sales. Those reductions were \$7216.11 in automobile sales and \$9,926.15 in food related businesses. \$4,865,759.20 was exempted on total sales of \$13,523,318.22 in food sales.
SUCCESSSES – In the space below, please provide a brief narrative highlighting projects, improvements, programming, etc. realized through the implementation of this revenue initiative and any metrics used to track performance. \$250,000 is budgeted \$150,000 for street paving and \$100,000 for VFD renovation with any excess to be used in General Fund. The City was able to put \$150,000 toward our annual paving program of \$225,054.10 and \$100,000 toward the engineering of our VFD renovation project. In addition, with the rest of the revenue we were able to put toward \$58,741.89 to replace some outdated playground equipment in our main City Park. We plan to do the same this fiscal year.
LESSONS LEARNED – In the space below, please provide a brief narrative highlighting lessons learned during implementation of this revenue initiative that would benefit other municipalities. Letting the citizens know ahead of time what you are planning on using the money for helps. Once the streets are paved and the playground equipment gets installed make sure the citizens know where the money came from.

AMENDED TO ORIGINAL REPORT

Please use this page to report progress on each **tax related initiative** included in your Home Rule Application. Each tax related initiative must be listed on a separate page.

Initiative:
Was this tax initiative a part of your original plan application <input type="checkbox"/> or a plan amendment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> or N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Has the ordinance(s) needed to implement this initiative been enacted? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, when was the ordinance enacted? May 24, 2019
If no, please describe challenges faced in enacting the related ordinance(s).
<p>REVENUES – In the space below, please provide a brief narrative highlighting revenue amounts and revenue categories realized; revenue amounts and revenue categories reduced; net revenue gain; and, any metrics used to track performance.</p> <p>There have been no measurable income increase from this amendment but it was done to protect the businesses going forward. This was done prior to the State enacting current legislation for the Brunch Bill.</p>
<p>SUCSESSES – In the space below, please provide a brief narrative highlighting projects, improvements, programming, etc. realized through the implementation of this revenue initiative and any metrics used to track performance.</p> <p>The only way for me to track the revenue will be the monthly LVL reports that we receive from the State. That will not be a true indicator because it would have to mean all the additional play was done between 10 AM and the former opening time. This was more about satisfying the requests from our business community. We do not get B&O tax off of the LVL machines but the revenue we do get is vital to our income stream. This initiative was a way to help our business community without taxing anyone additionally.</p>
<p>LESSONS LEARNED – In the space below, please provide a brief narrative highlighting lessons learned during implementation of this revenue initiative that would benefit other municipalities.</p> <p>By having public hearings and getting notices out in advance there was no opposition to this amendment. As always informing the public of the City's intentions prior to any enactment is key.</p>