

MUNICIPAL HOME RULE  
PROGRAM

City/Town of \_  
New Martinsville\_\_\_\_\_

20\_\_\_\_  
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](mailto:MunicipalHomeRule@wv.gov).

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| <b>A. General Information</b>  |  |                  |
| Name of Municipality: City of New Martinsville   |  |                  |
| Certifying Official: Kim Whiteman  | Title: City Recorder   |                  |
| Contact Person: Kim Whiteman   | Title: City Recorder   |                  |
| Address: 191 Main Street   |  |                  |
| City, State, Zip: New Martinsville, WV 26155   |  |                  |
| Telephone Number: 304-455-9122   | Fax Number: 304-455-9123   |                  |
| E-Mail Address: kwhiteman@newmartinsville.com  |  |                  |
| 2010 Census Population: 5,300  |  |                  |
| <b>B. Municipal Classification</b>   |  |                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Class I <input type="checkbox"/> Class II <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Class III <input type="checkbox"/> Class IV   |  |                  |
| <b>C. Attest</b>   |  |                  |
| 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. |  |                  |
| Kimberley Whiteman   |  | December 1, 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.

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| <b>Initiative: The City of New Martinsville seeks the authority for its code enforcement officer, building inspector, and/or city police to cite property owners “on the spot” for violations of city ordinances concerning property maintenance, safety, and health hazards.</b> |
| Was this non-tax initiative a part of your original plan application <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No  |
| If yes, when was the ordinance enacted?   |
| If no, please describe challenges faced in enacting the related ordinance(s).<br>The City of New Martinsville was just recently awarded the title of being a West Virginia Municipal Home Rule City. This will be one of the first initiatives we will seek to implement in 2020. |
| <b>SUCCESES</b> – 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.   |
| <b>LESSONS LEARNED</b> – 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.

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| <b>Initiative: The City of New Martinsville seeks to implement a 1% Sales and Use Tax and a proposed B&amp;O Tax Reduction.</b>  |
| Was this tax initiative a part of your original plan application XX or a plan amendment <input type="checkbox"/> or N/A  |
| Has the ordinance(s) needed to implement this initiative been enacted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes XX No  |
| If yes, when was the ordinance enacted?  |
| If no, please describe challenges faced in enacting the related ordinance(s).<br><br>The City of New Martinsville was just recently awarded the title of being a West Virginia Municipal Home Rule City. The first reading of the 1% Sales and Use Tax Ordinance and the B&O Tax Reduction Ordinance will be held at 7:00 PM on December 2, 2019. The Public Hearing(s), followed by the second reading of both ordinances will be held on December 9, 2019. |
| <b>REVENUES</b> – 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.   |
| <b>SUCCESSSES</b> – 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.  |
| <b>LESSONS LEARNED</b> – In the space below, please provide a brief narrative highlighting lessons learned during implementation of this revenue initiative that would benefit other municipalities.   |

**Initiative:** The City of New Martinsville seeks the authority to sell without auction or lease city property at fair-market value to private purchasers in a manner that promotes economic development and/or the public good.

Was this non tax initiative a part of your original plan application  or a plan amendment  or

Has the ordinance(s) needed to implement this initiative been enacted?  Yes  No

If yes, when was the ordinance enacted?

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The City of New Martinsville just recently became a West Virginia Municipal Home Rule City. We will look to act on this initiative in 2020.

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**Initiative: The City of New Martinsville seeks the authority to employ part-time, non-civil-service police officers.**

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**Initiative:** The City of New Martinsville seeks the authority to raise the upper age limit for initial entry-level appointments of full-time civil service officers from 40-45.

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**Initiative: The City of New Martinsville seeks the authority to eliminate political party membership requirements for appointments as election officials and to civil service and building commissions.**

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**Initiative: The City of New Martinsville seeks the authority to place public-nuisance liens (for unpaid nuisance fines) against a property without a court order.**

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