

MUNICIPAL HOME RULE PROGRAM

Town of Wardensville

2019
PROGRESS
REPORT

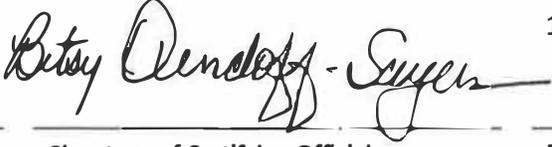
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West Virginia State Code §8-1-5a (m) provides:

“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: Wardensville		
Certifying Official: Betsy Orndoff-Sayers	Title: Mayor	
Contact Person: Theresa Ramsey	Title: Administrative Assistant	
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City, State, Zip: Wardensville WV 26851-0007		
Telephone Number: 304.874.3950	Fax Number: 304.874.4044	
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2010 Census Population: 271		
B. Municipal Classification		
<input type="checkbox"/> Class I <input type="checkbox"/> Class II <input type="checkbox"/> Class III <input checked="" 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.		
Betsy Orndoff-Sayers		11/29/2019
Type Name of Certifying Official	Signature of Certifying Official	Date

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: Impose a 1% Sales Tax and Reduce or Eliminate Selected Business and Occupation Tax Categories
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 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). Ordinance has passed first reading. Second reading and public hearing is scheduled for December 9, 2019, with final passage anticipated.
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. Not available at this time. Ordinance will not take effect until July 1, 2020.
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. Not available at this time. Ordinance will not take effect until July 1, 2020.
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. Not available at this time. Ordinance will not take effect until July 1, 2020.

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: Adjust the Number of Members of the Development Authority
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, when was the ordinance enacted? October 14, 2019
If no, please describe challenges faced in enacting the related ordinance(s).
<p>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.</p> <p>Municipal Development Authority board member requirement has been reduced from “no fewer than twelve (12) nor more than twenty-one (21) persons” to “no fewer than five (5) members nor more than twelve (12) members.” Town officials have spent 4th quarter of 2019 recruiting a new board to restart the Authority in 2020.</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>In a town of 300 with a surrounding population of around 2,000, it is much easier to recruit 5-12 people interested and engaged in economic development than it is to recruit a board of 12-21.</p>

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Initiative: Standardize Business License Categories and Fees
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). Other legislative and operational needs took priority with Town Council in calendar 2019, and there was no pressing need to have this new legislation in place for business licensing until spring 2020, when draft legislation will be presented.
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. Not applicable at this time.
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. Not applicable at this time.