

MUNICIPAL HOME RULE PROGRAM

City Dunbar

2022
PROGRESS
REPORT

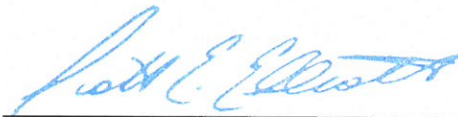
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Municipal Home Rule Board
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West Virginia State Code §8-1-5a (m) provides:

“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:		
Certifying Official: Scott E. Elliott	Title: Mayor	
Contact Person: Scott E. Elliott	Title: Mayor	
Address: 210 12th Street		
City, State, Zip: Dunbar, WV 25064		
Telephone Number: 304-766-0220	Fax Number: 304-766-0230	
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2010 Census Population: 7,905		
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.		
Scott E. Elliott, Mayor		11-22-22
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: Administrative action to allow the City to address nuisance properties
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? April 15, 2015
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>Ordinance 1729 (725 as enacted) gives the Building Inspector the authority to issue on the spot Citations for external sanitation and nuisance violations. The City issued over 250 citations for external violations during this reporting period.</p> <p>The City demolished 8 structures that were a nuisance and 2 others were removed by property owners during this reporting period. These structures were vacant/abandoned structures that were a community nuisance. The documentation and enforcement were the direct result of the on-the-spot citations issued through the Building Inspector’s Office under this Ordinance authority.</p> <p>The Aggressive issuance of inspection citation have resulted in fewer repeat citations.</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>Amend ordinances to provide the shortest time allowable for compliance and schedule second offenders in the next available court date. Second offenders should be inspected regularly.</p> <p>Clear and accurate records of inspections and action taken is critical to the success of the program.</p>

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 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? December 15, 2015
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>The City has completed it's sixth full year of collection of the 1% Sales Tax. The Sales Tax revenue has stabilized in the \$1,000,000 range. There is a slight increase and decrease as businesses locate in the City and leave the City.</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 1% sales tax revenue has provided the City with the funds to preform repairs to streets and other infrastructure that had been deferred for years due to a lack of funds. With the fund stabilized as a revenue source we have been able to dedicate funds to demolish and remove old and abandoned structures which should improve the overall business climate in the City. A street maintenance program is active now. Parks and recreation facilities are being upgraded each year.</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>We are cautious not to budget or obligate the sales tax revenue for long term obligations and dedicate these funds to capital improvement projects. If it is budgeted in the general fund as general revenue it will soon lose its impact and be lost in the overall budget process.</p>