

# MUNICIPAL HOME RULE PROGRAM

City/Town of Follasnsbee

2020  
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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).

<b>A. General Information</b>		
Name of Municipality: Follansbee		
Certifying Official: David P. Kurcina	Title: City Clerk	
Contact Person: John A. De Stefano, Jr.	Title: City Manager	
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City, State, Zip: Follansbee, WV 26037-0606		
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2010 Census Population: 2985		
<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.		
David P. Kurcina		11/25/2020
		11/25/2020
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.

<b>Initiative:</b> <b>Allow Restaurants and Cafés to open at 10:00 am on Sunday and to serve alcohol.</b>
Was this non-tax initiative a part of your original plan application <input type="checkbox"/> or a plan amendment <input checked="" 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).
<b>SUCSESSES</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.  Not really much of a success as it took us a while to get this implemented and the State Legislature then passed a law permitting the same. It was done at the request of a group of café owners who felt they were losing revenue. City Council likes to support our businesses so they enacted the amendment about a month prior to the State passing its rule. The main saving grace is that if the County would adopt something at later date we have this amendment included in our Home Rule.
<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.  Listen to our Community. The businesses wanted this and there was no opposition to it from the public.

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.

<b>Initiative:</b>
Was this tax initiative a part of your original plan application - <b>yes</b> 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"/> <b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>
If yes, when was the ordinance enacted? 12/12/2016
If no, please describe challenges faced in enacting the related ordinance(s).
<p><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.</p> <p>\$431,794.05 was generated from Sales and Use tax in FY 2019-2020</p> <p>The reduction in B&amp;O revolved around food related businesses and car sales. Those reductions were <b>\$4,489.88</b> in automobile sales and <b>\$6,552.60</b> in food related businesses. <b>\$4,017,629.31</b> was exempted on total sales of <b>\$14,278,541</b> in food sales.</p>
<p><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.</p> <p>\$250,000 is budgeted \$150,000 for street paving and \$100,000 for VFD renovation with any excess to be used in General Fund.</p> <p>The City was able to put \$150,000 toward our annual paving program of \$210,000.00 and \$100,000 toward the engineering of our VFD renovation project.</p> <p>In addition, with the rest of the revenue we were able to budget \$35,000 to replace some outdated playground equipment in our Jefferson Playground. Just recently ordered the equipment and it will be installed in the spring.</p>
<p><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.</p> <p>We got the message out early. I met with the businesses to explain what we were doing and what we intended to use the money on. We had public hearing and actually invited people to show up. We tried to inform the public every step of the way and put a positive message out. It was very well received and passed with no opposition.</p>