

MUNICIPAL HOME RULE
PROGRAM

City of Lewisburg

2022
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: City of Lewisburg		
Certifying Official: Beverly White	Title: Mayor	
Contact Person: Misty Hill	Title: City Manager	
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City, State, Zip: Lewisburg, WV 24901		
Telephone Number: 304-645-2080	Fax Number: 304-645-2194	
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2010 Census Population: 3830		
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.		
Beverly White		11/29/2022
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: Brunch Bill (Sunday Alcohol Sales after 10 a.m.)
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? July 19, 2016
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. Not all local restaurants and businesses are open on Sunday or in the morning hours, but several in Lewisburg have taken advantage of the opportunity that the Brunch Bill offers. In the past we have spoken to the owner of the French Goat restaurant and he stated passage of the Brunch Bill has undoubtedly helped his restaurant and increased his sales. Other restaurants have also, reported increases in business since the passage of the Brunch Bill. The overall effect means Lewisburg, as a growing tourist city, can compete with other destinations by offering the same opportunity to its visitors.
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. Public hearing for the Brunch Bill or similar Initiative should focus on the fact they allow the city to compete with other communities who have implemented the initiative. The result is a positive impact on our community with increased revenues for the businesses who participate and for the city.

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Initiative: Building & Zoning "on the spot" Citations (Alternative Enforcement of External Sanitation and Common Nuisances).
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? July 19, 2016
If no, please describe challenges faced in enacting the related ordinance(s).
SUCCESSSES – 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. Though our Zoning Officer has not formally issued an on the spot citation, it has been used as leverage for compliance. Since implementation, the city has seen increased and quicker compliance with less effort by our city employees.
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. The power to issue an on the spot citation has helped the city overall, and the threat of the fine is typically sufficient to encourage compliance. Considering this, the city has not received any pushback about the fine itself from our residents, who would rather comply than incur the cost of a fine. We continue to remind residents if they are in compliance, they will not have to worry with a fine being assessed.

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: Conveyance of Surplus Property
Was this tax initiative a part of your original plan application <input 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 type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, when was the ordinance enacted? December 20, 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. The city held a public auction in fiscal year 2019 conducted by a local auctioneer it netted the city \$43,875 after paying the auctioneer. The auction included vehicles and old surplus equipment.
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. The city will continue to use this tool to dispose of surplus property with no value and is no longer useful to the city.
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. It is important to remember this initiative simply gives municipalities further options to convey surplus property, it does not prohibit other procedures in the West Virginia State Code. The initiative gives the city to sell surplus property in the most effective manner as deemed by the city administration.

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Initiative: Municipal Sales and use tax
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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, when was the ordinance enacted? November 15, 2022
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. The city received approval from the Home Rule Board to charge a municipal sales and use tax on November 9, 2022
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.
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.