

MUNICIPAL HOME RULE PROGRAM

City/Town of Milton

2020
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: Milton		
Certifying Official: Tom Canterbury	Title: Mayor	
Contact Person: Benita Ryalls	Title: Recorder/City Clerk	
Address: 1139 Smith Street		
City, State, Zip: Milton, WV 25541		
Telephone Number: 304-743-3032	Fax Number: 304-743-1872	
E-Mail Address: cityclerk@cityofmiltonwv.com		
2010 Census Population: 2423		
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.		
Tom Canterbury, Mayor		11/10/2020
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.

Initiative: Sale of City Property
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? 12/16/2014
If no, please describe challenges faced in enacting the related ordinance(s).
<p>SUCCESES – 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>The Sale or Disposition of Municipal Property Without Auction ordinance has enabled the City of Milton to sell a large parcel of unused City-owned land which is now in the process of being transformed into a resort. Once the resort is finished, we anticipate the creation of hundreds of jobs and a significant boost to tourism and revenue.</p> <p>Further, there is a project underway to build a floodwall in Milton. Once this project is complete and properties currently in the floodway are reevaluated, more City-owned property could become marketable which will be a boon for development within Milton.</p> <p>Milton’s Police Department has also directly benefited from this initiative. We obtained a K9 Officer from Makor K9 in partial exchange for a retired police cruiser. Although unconventional, this trade was mutually beneficial, as we could not afford to purchase the K9 outright, and Makor could not pay the full asking price for the vehicle.</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>The flexibility allowed by this initiative permits us to consider long-term gains and benefits to our community, not just the purchase price. It also enables us to save money by not having to advertise or pay a broker.</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: Municipal Sales Tax
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? 10/21/2015
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>This past year our 1% Municipal Sales Tax revenue was \$549,851.14 and our B & O Tax revenue was \$485,436.96. The Municipal sales tax exceeded the B & O Tax in the amount of \$64,414.18. We anticipate that these figures will increase as our City continues to grow.</p>
<p>SUCCESES – 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 funds garnered from the Municipal Sales, Service and Use Tax for the City of Milton is split three ways. 70% of the funds are set aside for street, sidewalk and curb projects. This large-scale project will take many years to complete and will require yearly upkeep. Good roadways bring economic and social benefits to our community.</p> <p>The Milton Police Department is apportioned 15%, which is used for purchasing essential equipment and supplies, police cruisers, etc. As our City grows, our Police Department is growing too. We are considering the possibility of constructing a new Police station to meet the department’s needs more suitably. If so, the Municipal Sales, Service and Use Tax will likely be instrumental in that endeavor.</p> <p>The remaining 15% of these funds is set aside for the costs associated with the maintenance and operation the flood wall to be built in Milton. Once complete, the City of Milton will be responsible for the floodwall upkeep. With this funding, we will be able to avoid charging our residents a Flood Wall fee or additional taxes in the foreseeable future.</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>The arrival of COVID-19 is a great example of why you should estimate anticipated revenue conservatively. You never know what can happen. In addition, as recommended, questions should be referred to the State Tax Department.</p>