

MUNICIPAL HOME RULE PROGRAM

City/Town of Milton

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: Milton		
Certifying Official: Tom Canterbury	Title: Mayor	
Contact Person: Susan Elliott	Title: 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		11-29-22
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: 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>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>One of the benefits of the “Sale or Disposition of City Property Without Auction” Ordinance is that the City was able to sell a rapidly deteriorating property for the construction and development of the upcoming Grand Patrician Resort which, when open, will be a boon to the City of Milton and surrounding areas with increased jobs, tourism and new businesses.</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 initiative allowed the City some flexibility to consider more than just the purchase price of City Property. Being able to consider the long-term benefits to the City and the community helped facilitate what we believe will be an enduring business/community relationship instead of fly-by-night endeavors.</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? 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>The City of Milton’s 1% Municipal Sales Tax revenue for fiscal year 2021-22 was \$658,143.27, which was \$115,776.76 more than the City’s B&O Tax revenue which totaled \$542,366.51.</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>In the past fiscal year, the City of Milton has continued to mill and repave streets, create sidewalks, etc., which would not be possible without funds from the Municipal Home Rule Program.</p> <p>The City of Milton has also been able to set aside a sum of money with which to pay for the operation and maintenance of the flood wall once it is complete. This cushion will allow the City to defray the O&M costs for several years without having to charge a flood wall fee to the residents of the City. Once sufficiently funded, the City intends to use that portion of the Municipal Home Rule Fund for other, yet to be determined purposes.</p> <p>In addition, with these funds we have been able to replace an average of two Police cruisers each year, ensuring that the Police Department has sufficient cruisers to allow the Officers to safely and reliably patrol the streets and get to their calls.</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>Municipalities must continue to be conservative in their revenue projections.</p>