MUNICIPAL HOME RULE PILOT PROGRAM

Corporation of Harpers Ferry

2015 PROGRESS REPORT 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 Pilot 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 December 1, 2015 by emailing Debbie Browning at debbie.a.browning@wv.gov, West Virginia Development Office, West Virginia Home Rule Pilot Program, State Capitol Complex, Building 6, Room 553, Charleston, West Virginia 25305-0311, 304-558-2234.

A. General Information Name of Municipality:			
Certifying Official: Gregory F. Vaughn	Title: Mayor		
Contact Person: Gregory F. Vaughn	Title: Mayor		
Address: PO Box 217			
City, State, Zip: Harpers Ferry, WV 25425			
Telephone Number: 304-535-2206	Fax Number: 304-535-6520		
E-Mail Address: hfmayor@frontier.com			
2010 Census Population: 286			
B. Municipal Classification			
☐ Class II ☐ Class III	▼ Class IV		
C. Pilot Program Entry Phase			
☐ Phase I (2007 Legislation) ☐ Phase II (2014 Legislation) 🗷 Phase III (2015 Legislation)			

D. 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.

Gregory F. Vaughn

Type Name of Certifying Official

Signature of Certifying Official

12-1-2015

Date

Please use this page to report progress on each **non-tax related initiative** included in your Home Rule Application. Each non-tax related initiative must have a separate page.

Initiative: Code Citations &	Public Nuisance Enforceme	ent		
Category of Issues Addressed	(check all that apply)			
☐ Organization	Administration	☐ Personnel	☐ Other	
Was this non-tax initiative a p	oart of your original plan ap	plication ₩ or	a plan amendment □?	
Has the ordinance(s) needed	to implement this initiative	been enacted?	Yes ♥ No	
If yes, when was the ordinan	ce enacted?			
If no, please describe challen	ges faced in enacting the re	lated ordinance(s)		
Because Home Rule was only approved on November 16, the town has not yet had time to draft and enact any ordinances dealing with this initiative. The Mayor and Council are currently studying this issue and receiving information from other municipalities so that enactment can occur in 2016.				
SUCCESSES – In the space through the implementation LESSONS LEARNED – In the during implementation of the	space below, please provid	etrics used to track	nighlighting lessons learned	

Initiative: Addressing Bligh	ted Properties			
Category of Issues Addressed	d (check all that apply)			
☐ Organization	Administration	☐ Personnel	☐ Other	
Was this non-tax initiative a	part of your original plan ap	pplication ₩ or	a plan amendment □?	
Has the ordinance(s) needed	to implement this initiative	e been enacted? 🛚 Y	es № No	
If yes, when was the ordinan	ce enacted?			
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LESSONS LEARNED – In the during implementation of the	* *49/			

Initiative: Sale of Municipal Property without Auction		
Category of Issues Addressed (check all that apply)		
☐ Organization	☐ Personnel	☐ Other
Was this non-tax initiative a part of your original plan applic	cation ⊻ or	a plan amendment □?
Has the ordinance(s) needed to implement this initiative be	een enacted? 🛚 Y	es ₩ No
If yes, when was the ordinance enacted?		
If no, please describe challenges faced in enacting the relat	ed ordinance(s)	
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LESSONS LEARNED — In the space below, please provide a during implementation of this revenue initiative that would		

Please use this page to report progress on each tax related initiative included in your Home Rule Application. Each tax related initiative must have a separate page.

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Initiative: Municipal Sales Tax with B&O Tax Reductions
Was this tax initiative a part of your original plan application ♥ or a plan amendment □?
Has the ordinance(s) needed to implement this initiative been enacted? ☐ Yes ♣ No
If yes, when was the ordinance enacted?
If no, please describe challenges faced in enacting the related ordinance(s) Because Home Rule was only approved on November 16, the town has not yet had time to enact an ordinance. An ordinance has been drafted, and will have a First Reading on Dec. 5, with a final vote on Dec. 14. All provisions of §8-11-4 are being complied with. The measure should be finalized and sent to the Tax Commissioner by December 31, 2015 so that the tax can begin on July 1, 2016.
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.
SUCCESSES – 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.