MUNICIPAL HOME RULE PROGRAM

City/Town of Hurricane

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: City of Hurricane		
Certifying Official: Scott Edwards	Title: Mayor	
Contact Person: Rachel Gray	Title: Finance Manager	
Address: PO Box 1086 or 3255 Teays Valley Road		
City, State, Zip: Hurricane, WV 25526		
Telephone Number: 304-562-5896	Fax Number: 304-562-5858	
E-Mail Address: rgray@hurricanewv.com		
2010 Census Population: 6,506		
B. Municipal Classification		
☐ Class I ☐ Class II XX Class II	I □ 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. Scott Edwards 11/09/2020		
Type Name of Certifying Official Signature	of Certifying Official Date	

Initiative: Sale of Municipal Property without Auction
Was this non-tax initiative a part of your original plan application XX or a plan amendment □?
Has the ordinance(s) needed to implement this initiative been enacted? XX Yes \text{No}
If yes, when was the ordinance enacted? December 2, 2019
If no, please describe challenges faced in enacting the related ordinance(s).
SUCCESSES – 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.
The City of Hurricane hasn't had any items to sell since this Ordinance was enacted.
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.
N/A

Initiative: Intergovernmental Agreements by Resolution
Was this non-tax initiative a part of your original plan application XX or a plan amendment \square ?
Has the ordinance(s) needed to implement this initiative been enacted? XX Yes \square No
If yes, when was the ordinance enacted? December 2, 2019
If no, please describe challenges faced in enacting the related ordinance(s).
SUCCESSES – 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.
The City of Hurricane hasn't had the need to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement to date.
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.
N/A

Initiative: On the Spot Nuisance Citations
Was this non-tax initiative a part of your original plan application XX or a plan amendment \Box ?
Has the ordinance(s) needed to implement this initiative been enacted? XX Yes □ No
If yes, when was the ordinance enacted? December 2, 2019
If no, please describe challenges faced in enacting the related ordinance(s).
SUCCESSES – 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.
The City of Hurricane's Code Enforcement Officer hasn't yet needed to utilize this Ordinance.
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.
N/A

Initiative: Adequate Funding for Advertising the City
Was this non-tax initiative a part of your original plan application XX or a plan amendment \Box ?
Has the ordinance(s) needed to implement this initiative been enacted? XX Yes ☐ No
If yes, when was the ordinance enacted? December 2, 2019
If no, please describe challenges faced in enacting the related ordinance(s).
SUCCESSES – 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.
The City of Hurricane has not had the need to utilize this Ordinance.
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. N/A

Initiative: Municipal Sales and Use Tax	
Was this tax initiative a part of your original plan application XX or a plan amendment □ or N/A □	
Has the ordinance(s) needed to implement this initiative been enacted? XX Yes	
If yes, when was the ordinance enacted? December 2, 2019	
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 Municipal Sales and Use Tax effective date for the City of Hurricane was July 1, 2020. To date, the City of Hurricane has received one distribution from the State Tax Department in the amount of \$225,056.02. This revenue was anticipated and appropriated in our FY2020 Budget. If the Sales and Use Tax distributions remain steady, the annual total will be approximately \$\$1,350,000. The City reduced Business and Occupation Tax rates in the Retail category, which was also effective July 1, 2020. Since Business and Occupation Taxes for the third quarter of 2020 are still being received, we do not yet know the total effect the reduction will have on our B&O Tax Revenue. Our original projections stated a \$150,000 decrease in B&O Revenue annually. If these estimates are accurate, we should see a net revenue gain of \$1,200,000.	
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.	
Our Municipal Sales and Use Tax will be used mainly to fund the build of a new Fire Department and paid Firefighters for the City of Hurricane. The City plans to move forward on that project within the next year.	
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. N/A	