

MUNICIPAL HOME RULE PROGRAM

City/Town of Milton

2021
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	
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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		11/15/2021
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>The Sale or Disposition of City Property Without Auction Ordinance has been beneficial in many ways, one of which is that the deteriorating Morris Memorial property the City sold for the development of the Grand Patrician Resort continues to progress. Once this facility opens, tourism, new businesses and jobs will increase, not just at that location, but throughout Milton, as well as additional revenue benefiting Milton and the State of West Virginia.</p> <p>In addition, the simple sale of old vehicles at fair market value has allowed the City and the Police Department to put those funds back into the purchase of new vehicles.</p> <p>The Milton Floodwall project should result in a reevaluation of properties currently in the floodway. Once this is done, interest in City-owned properties in these affected areas (mostly commercial locations) will likely increase. The ability to sell these properties without an auction will allow us to hopefully attract complementary businesses to the area.</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>This initiative gives us the flexibility to take multiple criteria into consideration when property is sold. Money saved by not having to advertise or pay a broker is put back into the City budget.</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>The City of Milton’s 1% Municipal Sales Tax revenue for fiscal year 2020-21 was \$625,033.40, which was \$157,520.15 more than the City’s B&O Tax revenue which came in at \$467,513.25.</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 funding received though the Municipal Sales, Service and Use Tax have allowed the City to complete much-needed street, sidewalk and curb projects. There are still many areas left to work on, but without these funds, there would be no way the City could accomplish as much as we have in the past few years.</p> <p>In addition, with these funds the police department has been able to replace older vehicles in need of costly repairs with three new vehicles this year.</p> <p>Further, we continue to put money into an account to offset the costs of operating and maintaining the flood wall once it is complete. With these funds in place, we can avoid charging a flood wall fee or tax to our residents for many years.</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 State Tax Department can answer any questions you might have. Use their knowledge. Be conservative on anticipated revenue estimates.</p>