

MUNICIPAL HOME RULE PROGRAM

City/Town of City Of New Martinsville

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: City of New Martinsville		
Certifying Official: Kim Whiteman	Title: City Recorder	
Contact Person: Kim Whiteman	Title: City Recorder	
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City, State, Zip: New Martinsville, WV 26155		
Telephone Number: 304-455-9122	Fax Number: 304-455-9123	
E-Mail Address: kwhiteman@newmartinsville.com		
2010 Census Population: 5,300		
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.		
Kim Whiteman		Nov. 28, 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.

<p>Initiative: “Authority to file lien: General Procedure” Seek authority, after due notice, to repair, alter, or demolish property, mow overgrown grass, collect unlawful accumulations of garbage and take other similar actions, but also seek authority to place lien on property for the City’s cost in taking such action, without court approval.</p>
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? February 10, 2020
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>No progress to report at this time.</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>

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<p>Initiative: “Disposition of Real and Personal Property” Seek authority to allow the sale or lease of real and personal property to private purchasers at fair market value without auction in such a manner that promotes economic development or provides services for the public good. Seek further authority to sale or lease real and personal property at less than fair market value to nonprofit organizations, without auction</p>
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<p>Initiative: “External Sanitation Violations and Common Nuisances” Seek authority to enact an ordinance that gives authority to the Building Inspector and Law Enforcement officers to issue “on the spot” citations for certain violations. This citation will extend to sanitation, drainage, sidewalks in disrepair, high weeds and grass, graffiti, exterior garbage accumulation, open storage in residential districts and vehicles without proper registration.</p>
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If yes, when was the ordinance enacted? February 10, 2020
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<p>Initiative: “Hire Part-Time or Provisional Non-Civil Service Police Officers” Seek authority to hire part-time or provisional non-civil service police officers for indefinite periods of time provided, however, that the part-time or provisional police officers shall already be certified and trained through the West Virginia State Police Academy and is employed for no more than 1040 hours per calendar year.</p>
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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? February 4, 2021
If no, please describe the challenges faced in enacting the related ordinance(s).
<p>SUCCESSSES – In the space below, please provide a brief narrative that highlights successes realized through the implementation of this initiative and any metrics used to track performance.</p> <p>The City of New Martinsville’s Police Department has experienced increased difficulty in hiring and maintaining police officers. With the implementation of this ordinance, the city has been able to hire part-time police officers to meet the needs of the police department staffing issues.</p>
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<p>Initiative: “Exempt Police Civil Service Commission From Party Affiliation” Seek authority to allow all commissioners to be registered to vote as members of any political party regardless of political party affiliation.</p>
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If yes, when was the ordinance enacted? February 4, 2021
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 City of New Martinsville has experienced difficulty in finding individuals to volunteer their time and even more difficulty in finding individuals with different political affiliations. This ordinance has allowed the city to fill the required civil service commissioner openings.</p>
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Initiative: “ Raise the Maximum Age For Joining Civil Service Police Department” Seek authority to increase the maximum age of applicants to be hired as full-time officers to forty-five years of age.
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If yes, when was the ordinance enacted? February 4, 2021
If no, please describe challenges faced in enacting the related ordinance(s).
SUCCESSSES – 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. For the City of New Martinsville, it has become increasingly difficult to hire and maintain full-time police officers. We have yet to completely fill the gaps in our police force.
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Initiative: "1% Sales and Use 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? December 9, 2019
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 Sales and Use Tax was implemented on July 1, 2020. In the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the City of New Martinsville received \$935,406.85 in revenue. In the 2021-2022 fiscal year, the City of New Martinsville received \$1,709,250.97.</p>
<p>SUCSESSES – In the space below, please provide a brief narrative highlighting project, improvements, programming, etc. realized through the implementation of this revenue initiative and any metrics used to track performance.</p> <p>The City of New Martinsville has been able to lease a Street Sweeper and Asphalt Zipper, as well as two new trucks for the Street Department. The city also leased two new cruisers for the Police Department, as well as body cameras for all officers. The city leased new vehicles for the Parks and Recreation department, as well as the Building Inspector. The city paved Bruce Park and Lewis Wetzel Park parking lots, the municipal parking lot, and many residential side streets. The city also began a sign-on bonus to hire certified police officers with hopes of gaining a full staff to increase police protection.</p>
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<p>Initiative: "Business and Occupation Tax" For purposes of decreasing the rate of taxes established therein.</p>
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<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 New Martinsville received \$1,874,767.44 in the fiscal year 2019-2020 The City of New Martinsville received \$1,468,609.77 in the fiscal year 2020-2021 The City of New Martinsville received \$1, 657,213.16 in the fiscal year 2021-2022</p>
<p>SUCCESSSES – 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>
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