

MUNICIPAL HOME RULE
PILOT PROGRAM

City/Town of Weirton

2018
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 3, 2018, by emailing Courtney Shamblin at courtney.d.shamblin@wv.gov, West Virginia Department of Revenue, West Virginia Home Rule Pilot Program, State Capitol Complex, Building 1, Room W-300, Charleston, West Virginia 25305, 304-558-3356.

A. General Information	
Name of Municipality: CITY OF WEIRTON	
Certifying Official: Joseph DiBartolomeo	Title: City Manager
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City, State, Zip: Weirton WV 26062	
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2010 Census Population: 19,746	
B. Municipal Classification	
<input type="checkbox"/> Class I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Class II <input type="checkbox"/> Class III <input type="checkbox"/> Class IV	
C. Pilot Program Entry Phase	
<input type="checkbox"/> Phase I (2007 Legislation) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phase II (2014 Legislation) <input type="checkbox"/> 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.	
Joseph B. DiBartolomeo	
Type Name of Certifying Official	Signature of Certifying Official Date 2018

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: PROBATIONARY EMPLOYMENT OF UNCERTIFIED BUILDING/ZONING CODE OFFICIALS
Category of Issues Addressed (check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Administration <input type="checkbox"/> Personnel <input type="checkbox"/> Other
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? April 13, 2015 Ordinance No. 1786
If no, please describe challenges faced in enacting the related ordinance(s)
<p>SUCSESSES – In the space below, please provide a brief narrative highlighting successes realized through the implementation of this initiative and any metrics used to track performance.</p> <p>The Inspections Department has seen a turnover of employees. This ordinance has enabled the new probationary inspectors to be mentored with a certified inspector for “on the job” training in a variety of situations from property maintenance issues to commercial inspections. Once the certified inspector determines that they are adequately trained, the new employee is then able to perform those functions independently. The two new employees have both passed the International Property Maintenance Code exams and are preparing for the Residential Inspector exams.</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 program has allowed the City of Weirton to more effectively train employees while still achieving value from their employment.</p>

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Initiative: Building/Zoning Code officials Enforcement Provisions
Category of Issues Addressed (check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Administration <input type="checkbox"/> Personnel <input type="checkbox"/> Other
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? April 13, 2015 Ordinance No. 1787
If no, please describe challenges faced in enacting the related ordinance(s)
<p>SUCSESSES – In the space below, please provide a brief narrative highlighting successes realized through the implementation of this initiative and any metrics used to track performance.</p> <p>The adoption of this ordinance continues to streamline the process to get simple property maintenance issues resolved. Code Officials have issued over 140 citations for common nuisance complaints since the effective date of this Ordinance, May 13, 2015. By permitting the Code Official to assess the fine on the citation, it has also reduced the number of cases before the Municipal Court. Property owners are now able to resolve the violation, pay the fine before the assigned court date, and not be required to appear in court.</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 program has allowed for more effective use of Code Officials man hours and therefore, the ability to address more issues within the City of Weirton.</p>

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Initiative: Police Officers Enforcement Provisions in Alcohol Beverage Control Commission (ABCC) Establishments
Category of Issues Addressed (check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Administration <input type="checkbox"/> Personnel <input type="checkbox"/> Other
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? September 08, 2015-Ordinance No. 1792
If no, please describe challenges faced in enacting the related ordinance(s)
<p>SUCSESSES – In the space below, please provide a brief narrative highlighting successes realized through the implementation of this initiative and any metrics used to track performance.</p> <p>The Ordinance has allowed police to effectively enter establishments in accordance with ABCC standards. It has given the City of Weirton authority to investigate, prosecute and punish violations of the law. It has also led to the arrests of convicted felons and the issuance of citations for underage consumption.</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>Implementation of this initiative has proven to be an excellent law enforcement tool to help keep the City of Weirton safe.</p>

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Initiative: Municipal Authority to Place Restrictions on Streets and Highways within City Limits
Category of Issues Addressed (check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Administration <input type="checkbox"/> Personnel <input type="checkbox"/> Other
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? September 08, 2015- Ordinance No. 1793
If no, please describe challenges faced in enacting the related ordinance(s)
<p>SUCSESSES – In the space below, please provide a brief narrative highlighting successes realized through the implementation of this initiative and any metrics used to track performance.</p> <p>The Ordinance has allowed our Public Works Department and Traffic Commission to change the flow of traffic that benefits public safety and in a situation that warrants an emergency action by the city for the safety and welfare of our citizens.</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>See Above.</p>

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.

Initiative: Municipal Sales and Use Tax
Was this tax initiative a part of your original plan application <input type="checkbox"/> or a plan amendment X?
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 17, 2016 Ordinance No. 1987
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>As a result of the implementation of the 1% Sales and Use tax, the City of Weirton has collected \$2,693,058 in revenues for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. These Funds have enabled the City of Weirton to make additional contributions to the Police and Fire pensions which are grossly under-funded. In addition, the City of Weirton was also able to provide additional funds for street paving.</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>SEE ABOVE</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 City of Weirton has learned Ordinance 1987 is increasingly more effective than the B&O tax. The revenue through this initiative provides an easier method to collect these tax dollars.</p>