

MUNICIPAL HOME RULE PROGRAM

City of Weston

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: Nate Stansberry		
Certifying Official: Nate Stansberry	Title: City Manager	
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2010 Census Population: 4,110		
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.		
Nate Stansberry-City Manager		12-1-2021
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: Onsite Citation
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? Updated in September 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>The beginning stages of the implementation have led the City to re-examine its relationship with the State Building Code and discover deficiencies in its implementation and administration. The City has also had to identify the proper ways of providing notice to the appropriate property owners and the options available for the abatement of neglected properties.</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>In the course of attempting to implement the On Site Citation, the City has re-enacted the State Building Code Ordinance to bring it up to date with State rules and also re-constituted the State Building Code Appeals Board to begin hearing challenges. It is through this process that necessity of having nuisances and other property related codes enforced through the citation process has been reinforced.</p>

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Initiative: Payment and Selection of Auditors
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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, when was the ordinance enacted?
If no, please describe challenges faced in enacting the related ordinance(s). The ordinance has not been implemented due to the lack of necessity as it is the belief of the current administration that the best value is to continue with the State Auditing Selection program until the City has rectified backlogged audits. This should occur in calendar year 2023.
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. Not implemented yet.
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. Not implemented yet.

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Initiative: Increase in Eligibility Age for Municipal Police Officers
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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, when was the ordinance enacted?
If no, please describe challenges faced in enacting the related ordinance(s). The lack of necessity has warranted this ordinance be placed as the Weston Police Department has remained relatively young in membership and lacked interest from advanced age candidates.
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. Not yet implemented.
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. Not yet implemented.

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 1% 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? Effective June 2017
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>Sales tax revenues have averaged approximately \$150k per quarter bringing in nearly \$600k annum of a \$2.5 million dollar budget or 20%. Each quarter the sales taxes are documented and the data provided by the state for each payee analyzed for the potential capture of additional funding sources. The City will hope to utilize sales tax more fully in the future through annexation to allow the further reduction and even possibly elimination of the B&O Tax or other fees.</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 sales tax has allowed the City to perform general maintenance of city streets more regularly, provided funding for demolition of dilapidated properties, and allowed the City the ability to make small investments in its workforce and equipment. The tax also allows the hiring of adequate staffing and professionals to move the City forward in its planning and acquiring of additional financial aid through grants and other programs.</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>A greater information campaign of the benefits to the residents and business owners and advantages to allowing the State to collect the taxes versus dedicating staffing towards collection of another funding source such as B&O.</p>