

MUNICIPAL HOME RULE
PILOT PROGRAM

City of Follansbee

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 Follansbee		
Certifying Official: David P. Kurcina	Title: City Clerk	
Contact Person: John A. DeStefano, Jr.	Title: City Manager	
Address: PO Box 606		
City, State, Zip: Follansbee, WV 26037		
Telephone Number: 304-527-1330	Fax Number: 304-527-2615	
E-Mail Address: follansbeecitymgr@comcast.net		
2010 Census Population: 2985		
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. Pilot Program Entry Phase		
<input type="checkbox"/> Phase I (2007 Legislation)	<input type="checkbox"/> Phase II (2014 Legislation)	<input checked="" 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.		
David P. Kurcina		
		11/30/18
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. Each non-tax related initiative must have a separate page.

Initiative:
Category of Issues Addressed (check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Organization <input type="checkbox"/> Administration <input type="checkbox"/> Personnel • Other
Was this non-tax initiative a part of your original plan application <input 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 type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, when was the ordinance enacted?
If no, please describe challenges faced in enacting the related ordinance(s)
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.
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.

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:
Was this tax initiative a part of your original plan application <input type="checkbox"/> yes 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? 12/12/2016
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>\$224,507.45 was the amount of the 1% tax.</p> <p>The reduction in B&O revolved around food related businesses and car sales. Those reductions were \$5,642.68 in automobile sales and \$7,809.10 in food related sales.</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>This enabled the City to begin putting money away to either build a new fire station for our VFD or remodel the existing. Currently, City Council at the November meeting interviewed engineering firms to begin the feasibility study on the existing station. Three firms were interviewed and ranked. The next interview is scheduled for Dec 10 with the highest rated firm.</p> <p>We also were able to use \$150,000 for our annual paving projects.</p> <p>The businesses that had their B&O reduced are most grateful</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>We got the word out early on what we were doing. We had informational meetings which helped answer questions before we implemented the program. I did miscalculate the first year because our program began with July 1 date which meant we only received 3 quarters of revenue the first year because the July 2018 distribution is in the current fiscal year revenues.</p>

