

MUNICIPAL HOME RULE PROGRAM

City of Ravenswood

2019
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 Ravenswood		
Certifying Official: Joshua Miller	Title: Mayor	
Contact Person: Joshua Miller	Title: Mayor	
Address: 1 Wall Street		
City, State, Zip: Ravenswood, WV 26164		
Telephone Number: (304) 273-2621	Fax Number:	
E-Mail Address: info@cityofravenswood.com		
2010 Census Population: 3,876		
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.		
Joshua Miller	<i>Joshua Miller</i>	12/1/19
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: "On the Spot" Citations issued by Law Enforcement and Code Enforcement Officer to address public nuisances deemed a health hazard within city limits along with various other public nuisances defined in our ordinance.
Was this non-tax initiative a part of your original plan application 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? September 17, 2019 (Effective upon passage)
If no, please describe challenges faced in enacting the related ordinance(s).
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. Since we're still early in the process of issuing citations for various public nuisance code violations we don't have an enormous amount of data to report to the Municipal Home Rule Board yet. However, we know that we've issued at least five citations, two were dismissed because the property owners came into compliance and three are still pending cases awaiting the next municipal court date. Our first step was to notify the public that we would now be able to issue "on the spot" citations for those who do not comply with the public nuisance code. With that said, we still make an effort to resolve issues before the situation is escalated to the level of a citation. This initiative was never about issuing citations or revenue for the city, it was about a more efficient process and also a process that citizens take more seriously regarding the enforcement of the public nuisance code and regarding abandoned/dilapidated buildings. We believe this has been accomplished so far and we will continue to monitor progress in 2020 and report back to the board with much more detail.
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.

N/A

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: 1% Municipal Sales and Use Tax
Was this tax initiative a part of your original plan application YES or a plan amendment <input type="checkbox"/> or N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Has the ordinance(s) needed to implement this initiative been enacted? X Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, when was the ordinance enacted? November 19, 2019 (Tax Collection Begins July 1, 2020)
If no, please describe challenges faced in enacting the related ordinance(s).
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. **We can't really comment on this initiative because revenue collection doesn't begin until July 1, 2020. We look forward to seeing how this tax reform will impact the future of our city.**
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. N/A
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.

N/A