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November 25, 2025

West Virginia Municipal Home Rule Board  
1900 Kanawha Boulevard East  
Building 1, W-300  
Charleston, WV 25305

**Re: Home Rule Application of City of Kenova—  
Initial Plan Submission**

To the Honorable Members of the West Virginia Municipal Home Rule Board:

The City of Kenova, West Virginia (“Kenova”) desires to participate in the West Virginia Municipal Home Rule Program and has authorized submission of its Initial Plan to the West Virginia Municipal Home Rule Board (the “Board”) in accordance with W. Va. Code § 8-1-5a. The completed Plan Application Checklist, along with supporting materials, including Kenova’s Initial Plan, are enclosed with this letter. Kenova requests that its application be presented at the next regular meeting of the Board, or at another time and place convenient to the Board.

Should you have any questions or desire additional information in connection with this matter, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Debra C. Price'.

Debra C. Price, Esq.  
(304) 412-4894  
*Counsel to City of Kenova*

Cc: Timothy D. Bias, Mayor

## HOME RULE APPLICATION, PLAN AND AMENDMENT CHECKLIST

- Class II legal advertisement of Public Hearing  
Dates: 10-1-25, 10-8-25
- Notice of Public Hearing to Municipal Home Rule Board (MHRB) and Cabinet Secretary of every State department
- Plan available for public inspection 30 days prior to Public Hearing
- Hearing  
Date 11-6-25
- Ordinance authorizing plan or amendment  
1st reading date: 10-16-25  
2nd reading date: 11-6-25  
Date of adoption: 11-6-25
- Required narrative presentation of each separate proposal (see Sample Form Application)

## ATTACHMENTS

- Affidavit of legal notice of Public Hearing
- Minutes of Public Hearing, including comments (if any)
- Certified copy of ordinance authorizing plan or amendment
- Fiscal statement demonstrating municipality's ability to manage costs or liabilities associated with proposals
- Affidavit that municipality owes no outstanding State fees
- Attorney opinion letter that application and plan or amendment complies with applicable State law
- Submit eight (8) originals and one (1) electronic copy of application plan or amendment to the MHRB

Ad Number 353158

**Affidavit of Legal Publication and Posting**

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA**

**COUNTY OF WAYNE, TO-WIT**

Diana Queen, Classified Advertising

Representative of the Wayne County News, a newspaper published in the county of Wayne, West Virginia, hereby certify that the annexed publication was inserted in said newspaper at a cost of \$ 25.98

Commencing On: 10/01/2025

Ending On: 10/08/2025

Given under my hand this day 10/08/2025

Diana Queen

Sworn to and subscribed before me 10/08/2025 at Wayne, Wayne County, West Virginia,

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Notary Public of, in and for Wayne County, West Virginia

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: 4.8.30



**PUBLIC HEARING  
NOTICE  
CITY OF KENOVA**

Notice is hereby given that the **City of Kenova**, West Virginia, a municipal corporation, will hold a public hearing on a proposed Home Rule Program Application at the Council Chambers of the City of Kenova, located at 1501 Pine Street, Kenova, West Virginia 25530, on November 6, 2025, at six thirty p. m. (6:30). Copies of the proposed application are available for inspection at the Office of the Clerk, Kenova Municipal Building, 1008 Oak Street, Kenova, West Virginia 25530, during regular business hours.

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IN THE FAMILY COURT OF WAYNE COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF JACOB LEE FINLEY PETITIONER

MEGAN RYAN HOKK, RESPONDENT

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

THE OBJECT OF THIS SUIT IS TO OBTAIN A DIVORCE

IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF JACOB LEE FINLEY PETITIONER

MEGAN RYAN HOKK, RESPONDENT

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WAYNE COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

Case No. 23-0-164

ALBERTA MARIE PLANTIFF

JOEL WILBURN DEFENDANT

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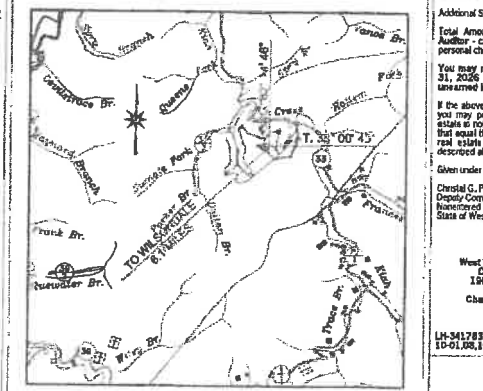
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Special Council Meeting  
City of Kenova  
November 6, 2025  
1501 Pine Street, Kenova, WV  
City Hall Council Chambers  
6:30 p.m.

Prayer by Michael Amos

Pledge of Allegiance was said

Meeting called to order by Linda Myles-Cole, Council President

Roll Call- Tracey Pabrazinsky, Joe Acord, Linda Myles-Cole, Kent Keyser and Michael Amos were present.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WEST VIRGINIA HOME RULE PROGRAM TO THE WEST VIRGINIA MUNICIPAL HOME RULE BOARD”

Public Comments: Linda Myles-Cole, Council President, opened the floor for questions and comments regarding the proposed Home Rule Program Application.

James Grand had the following questions:

- What is the specific legal subtext which allows both B&O and sales taxes to be imposed?
- Has an efficiency audit has ever been done in Kenova?
- While it is still double taxation to have B&O and sales tax, can the sales tax be used for water and sewer projects?

Debra Price, attorney for the City of Kenova, explained that municipalities cannot impose a sales tax without repealing B&O taxes unless they are accepted by the Home Rule Board, which is one of the reasons for the application. The legislature allows both taxes to be imposed under the Home Rule Ordinance--B&O taxes will be reduced under the plan, but the consumer will pay the sales tax. Use of the sales tax is dictated by the legislature—Council must determine whether to use the funds for designated projects or the general fund. Ms. Price was unaware of a municipal efficiency audit being done in Kenova.

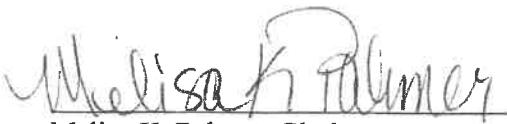
Debbi Rabel, accountant for the City of Kenova, further explained the separate nature of sales taxes and B&O taxes and that funds from sales taxes cannot be comingled with water and sewer funds governed by the PSC. It was further explained that Home Rule will allow items to be posted for sale instead of auction, but items will continue to be posted for the public to see.

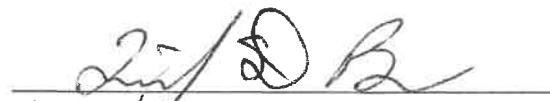
James Grand asked how to know when properties are for sale and the Mayor responded that the properties have for sale signs on them and that items such as old cruisers and service trucks, some which have no title, may be sold as parts only.

Linda Myles-Cole asked for any other questions or comments and there being none, the public hearing was closed.

Mayor Bias, on second reading, read the "Ordinance Authorizing Submission of an Application to Participate in the West Virginia Home Rule Program to the West Virginia Home Rule Board." Motion by Michael Amos, seconded by Joe Acord, to approve on second and final reading the Ordinance Authorizing Submission of Application for Home Rule Participation. No discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Michael Amos and seconded by Kent Keyser to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried.

  
Melisa K. Palmer, Clerk

  
Timothy D. Bias, Mayor

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO  
PARTICIPATE IN THE WEST VIRGINIA HOME RULE PROGRAM TO THE WEST  
VIRGINIA MUNICIPAL HOME RULE BOARD**

WHEREAS, West Virginia Code section 8-1-5a establishes the West Virginia Home Rule Program and provides that any municipality desiring to participate in the Municipal Home Rule Program shall submit a written plan to the Home Rule Board stating in detail the challenges faced by the municipality under current general law together with the proposed solutions to be implemented through the Home Rule Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kenova intends to apply to participate in the Municipal Home Rule Program and to pursue the initiatives stated in its Home Rule Program Application enclosed herewith; and

WHEREAS, all prerequisites to submission of the Application in accordance with W. Va. Code § 8-1-5a have been met;


NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Kenova authorizes the Mayor to submit to the West Virginia Home Rule Board the enclosed Municipal Home Rule Program Application and Initial Plan and further authorizes the Mayor to take such other actions and execute such other documents as may be necessary and helpful to accomplishment of the submission, approval, and implementation of the Application and Plan.

First Reading: October 16, 2025

Second Reading and Final Passage: November 6, 2025

Adopted: Nov 6 2025

  
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TIM BIAS, MAYOR

ATTEST:  
  
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Melisa Palmer, City Clerk

**THE CITY OF KENOVA, WV**  
**WEST VIRGINIA HOME RULE PROGRAM APPLICATION**  
**INITIAL PLAN**

The City of Kenova (“Kenova”) submits the below application to participate in West Virginia’s Municipal Home Rule Program (“Home Rule Program”) to the Municipal Home Rule Board (“the Board”). Pursuant to W. Va. Code § 8-1-5a(c)(1), any “Class III municipality that is current in payment of all state fees may apply to participate in the Municipal Home Rule Program pursuant to the provisions of this section.” Kenova is a Class III municipality and seeks approval of its application and Initial Plan below to deliver the services required by federal and state law, and needed by its constituents, consistent with the Home Rule Program.

**Section I: Applicant Information**

Type of Submission:	Initial Plan
Name of Municipality:	City of Kenova
Certifying Official:	Timothy D. Bias, Mayor
Contact Person:	Debra C. Price, Esq., City Attorney
Address:	1008 Oak Street,
City, State, Zip:	Kenova, WV 25530
Telephone Number:	(304) 453-1571
Fax Number:	(304) 908-1127
E-mail address:	<a href="mailto:dee@taylorconwayprice.com">dee@taylorconwayprice.com</a>
Municipal Classification:	Class III

**Section II: Narrative**

Kenova proposes the following Initial Plan:

**1. Sales and Use Tax/ Business and Occupation Tax Reduction**

Kenova proposes to adopt a sales and use tax as authorized for Home Rule municipalities pursuant to W. Va. Code § 8-1-5a, along with a reduction in Business and Occupation tax rates. This initiative is expected to provide more predictable revenue to fund municipal services.

Railroads gave birth to Kenova, which is the Western-most city in West Virginia. While mechanization in the coal mines depressed southern West Virginia’s economy in the 1950’s, Kenova continued to grow for two decades as area manufacturing and coal transportation remained strong. In the 1960’s Interstate 64 was constructed at the City’s southern border but within a decade the industrial Ohio Valley began to decline, as global competition forced aging local industries to close. Commercial franchising in America saw strip development in small towns grow at the expense of downtown areas, and Kenova was affected strongly. Area malls and superstores further eroded the City’s economy. For Kenova local government, the central challenge has become delivery of

municipal services in a way that is efficient but also cost effective for both its residents and its customers in its larger utility service area that extends far beyond its town boundaries.

**A. The laws, policies, acts, resolutions, rules, or regulations that prevent the municipality from carrying out specific duties in the most effective, efficient, and timely manner**

West Virginia Code § 8-13-5 authorizes municipalities to impose a business and occupation tax on gross receipts of businesses operating within the municipality, and West Virginia Code sections 8-13C-1 *et seq.* allow municipalities to impose a sales, service, and use tax on business transactions, but only if the Business and Occupation (“B & O”) tax is eliminated.

**B. The problem created by these laws, policies, acts, resolutions, rules, or regulations**

West Virginia state law currently provides very little flexibility with respect to taxation and revenue sources available to municipal governments. In fact, municipalities have limited authority to assess taxes and fees and those authorized are typically at fixed rates with no automatic or indexed increases to account for increases cost of delivery of essential municipal services. The primary source of revenue for the City of Kenova is the B&O tax as permitted by West Virginia Code § 8-13-5. The State Legislature adopted the rates, classifications, and exemptions governing the application and collection of B&O taxes decades ago and these rates have not been updated to reflect the current economic development and revenue obligations facing municipal governments.

The City of Kenova provides essential public services including police, fire, sewer, streets, and stormwater management, along with services that promote a high quality of life for residents, businesses, and visitors such as parks and recreation, and general administration of the government needed to support these essential services. Kenova faces an increasing demand for services, while also facing greater costs to provide the services due to the need to maintain and update aging infrastructure and equipment and add to existing infrastructure. Kenova has historically relied on property tax and B & O tax to fund a large portion of its revenue. Using the B & O tax as the main revenue source can also deter businesses from locating in the City limits. A sales tax funding mechanism is often more attractive to businesses locating in municipalities and allows easier administration of revenue receipts by businesses and municipalities. Kenova hopes to create an environment more attractive to new and existing businesses by raising necessary revenues through a combination of sales tax and a reduced B & O tax.

In Fiscal Year 2024-25, Kenova has budgeted 990 thousand in total B&O tax revenue. Due to increased costs, this revenue source is not alone sufficient to support the same municipal services that residents, businesses, and visitors expect from the City. Use of a sales tax would allow revenue to be raised from those visitors or travelers who are not residents or businesses in the City but contribute to the increased need for services and enjoy the benefits of a City with high quality police protection, responsive fire service,

regular and efficient solid waste hauling, and the quality infrastructure that allows the community to thrive.

West Virginia Code § 8-13C-4 allows municipalities to impose a municipal sales and service and use tax on sales subject to the State's consumer sales and use tax, but only when the municipality's police and fire pensions are severely underfunded—in which case revenue is dedicated only to supporting those obligations—or when the municipality entirely eliminates the business and occupation tax authorized by W. Va. Code § 8-13-5. These special circumstances do not apply to Kenova, and, while Kenova seeks to reduce the business and occupation tax rates imposed on local businesses, it is not able to entirely eliminate those taxes while continuing to provide essential services and funding necessary public infrastructure. With the addition of a sales tax to a reduced B & O tax, Kenova can support these services at stable tax rates and include the benefit of all participants in commercial transactions contributing to the funding of public services.

**C. The proposed solution to the problem, including all proposed changes to law, policies, acts, resolutions, rules, or regulations**

The City of Kenova proposes to enact, by ordinance, a municipal consumer sales, service, and use tax of up to one percent (1%) within the municipal limits, with a corresponding reduction of B & O tax rates as described in the tables below describing the fiscal impact of the proposed initiative on the City.

**D. Projected financial impact**

Projected revenue from imposition a one percent sales tax is as follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Total Revenue</u>	<u>1% Sales Tax Revenue</u>
Retail Sales	\$54,259,583	\$542,596

Proposed reduction in Business and Occupation tax revenue:

2024 Kenova B&O Tax by Report Category

Selling Retail or Tangible Property	-.05	(\$30,201)
Wholesalers	-.05	(\$33,422)



**B. The problem created by these laws, policies, resolutions, rules, or regulations**

While municipalities are permitted to consider their own need for their property, the benefit to the municipality in transferring and no longer maintaining the property, and the other public benefits to disposing of property when transacting with public bodies, they are limited to an auction process for all other transfers. Sales at auction must be made only for fair value, without any specific option to consider the other benefits to the municipality of transferring the property. The mandatory auction process also leaves municipalities with the potential that they will be unable to transfer property that is no longer needed, if no bidders participate.

**C. The proposed solution to the problem, including all proposed changes to law, policies, resolutions, rules, or regulations**

Kenova will adopt an ordinance authorizing disposition of real and personal property by the City under the following conditions: (1) Property may be sold to private purchasers without auction at a fair market value if the City determines that the sale promotes economic development or provides a service for the public good; (2) Real property may be leased to private lessees for less than fair market value if the City determines that the lease promotes economic development or provides a service for the public good; (3) Property may be sold to nonprofit corporations that are qualified 501(c)(3) organizations as determined by the United States Internal Revenue Service for a fair value without alone considering the commercial or market value of the property but also considering the need of the City for the property, the benefit to the City of disposing of the property, and the public benefit served by disposing of the property; and (4) Property that the City has attempted to sell at public auction in accordance with the procedures established by W. Va. Code § 8-12-18(b) but for which no bids were received may be disposed of by direct transfer to any recipient without alone considering the commercial or market value of the property but also considering the need of the City for the property, the benefit to the City of disposing of the property, and the public benefit served by disposing of the property.

**PROPOSAL #2 AMENDED TO INCLUDE A CAP OF \$150,000 ON REAL PROPERTY AND A CAP OF \$25,000 ON ALL OTHER PROPERTY**

**3. On-the-Spot Citations**

The City of Kenova proposes an initiative similar to those successfully implemented by other municipalities participating in the Home Rule Program—and first proposed by Charleston in Phase I of the Program—to allow the City to issue citations on the spot for life safety code, health and sanitation, and public nuisance violations.

**A. The laws, policies, acts, resolutions, rules, or regulations that prevent the municipality from carrying out specific duties in the most cost effective, efficient, and timely manner**

West Virginia Code section 8-12-16 provides municipalities the option to address dilapidated buildings and structures through a building enforcement agency, including a process to enter and demolish dilapidated and unsafe properties when necessary, and the West Virginia State Building Code, adopted in Kenova by reference, authorizes notices of violation to property owners who fail to maintain their properties in accordance with minimum life and safety standards. However, neither authority provides municipalities the power to immediately cite those who violate the law.

**B. The problem created by these laws, policies, resolutions, rules, or regulations**

While the health and safety laws provide effective options for municipalities to ultimately remedy dilapidated or blighted property issues, at the municipality's cost, neither specifically authorizes enforcement of the law by citation as other laws are enforced. This can create delays in enforcement to address dangerous and nuisance property conditions.

**C. The proposed solution to the problem, including all proposed changes to law, policies, resolutions, rules, or regulations**

Kenova will adopt an ordinance authorizing immediate citation for violations of its Building Code, Nuisance, and Health and Sanitation laws by law enforcement officers and building code enforcement officials, so that violations can be addressed as they are discovered and without delay.

**4. Liens for Dilapidated and Nuisance Properties**

The City of Kenova proposes an initiative similar to those successfully implemented by other municipalities participating in the Home Rule Program to allow Kenova to file liens against properties for which it has incurred expenses in abating issues caused by disrepair or nuisance issues.

**A. The laws, policies, acts, resolutions, rules, or regulations that prevent the municipality from carrying out specific duties in the most cost effective, efficient, and timely manner**

West Virginia Code section 8-12-5(23) authorizes municipalities to provide for the elimination of hazards to public health and safety and to abate or cause to be abated anything which in the opinion of a majority of the governing body is a public nuisance, but the provisions do not specify that the City may file a lien against the property where abatement occurred to secure repayment of public funds expended to abate the problem.

**B. The problem created by these laws, policies, resolutions, rules, or regulations**

While the health and safety laws provide effective options for municipalities to ultimately remedy dilapidated or blighted property issues, at the municipality's cost, they

do not specifically authorize securing the recovery of expended public funds by placing a lien against the property where abatement was made.

**C. The proposed solution to the problem, including all proposed changes to law, policies, resolutions, rules, or regulations**

Kenova will adopt an ordinance authorizing the filing of a lien against any property where public funds were expended to abate a Nuisance or violation of its Health and Sanitation laws, so that public funds expended to remedy these public health issues can more readily be recovered.

**5. Liens for Solid Waste Fees**

Kenova proposes an initiative to allow direct liens without instituting a civil action to collect unpaid fees for solid waste collection, in the same manner as permitted by W. Va. Code § 8-13-13(d) for unpaid and delinquent fire, police, or street fees.

**A. The laws, policies, acts, resolutions, rules, or regulations that prevent the municipality from carrying out specific duties in the most cost effective, efficient, and timely manner**

West Virginia Code section 8-13-13 allows municipalities to establish fees for furnishing special or essential services, including the collection and disposal of garbage, refuse, waste, ashes, trash, and any other similar matter. Subsection (d) of W. Va. Code § 8-13-13 allows municipalities to place liens on property for unpaid and delinquent fire, police, or street fees, but does not authorize liens for solid waste collection fees.

**B. The problem created by these laws, policies, resolutions, rules, or regulations**

Kenova provides essential solid waste collection to its residents, and the regular, universal collection of solid waste ensures that all residents enjoy a healthy, sanitary environment. Kenova provides these services at a very economical cost to its residents. When fees are unpaid, the non-paying resident enjoys the public benefit without participating in the cost, requiring other residents to subsidize them. Currently, collection of these fees would require filing a lawsuit. Because of the low solid waste fee charged by Kenova, filing lawsuits to collect unpaid fees can be cost prohibitive.

**C. The proposed solution to the problem, including all proposed changes to law, policies, resolutions, rules, or regulations**

Kenova will adopt an ordinance authorizing placement of a lien on property with unpaid and delinquent solid waste fees, following the same procedures required for liens for fire, police, or street fees under W. Va. Code 8-13-13(d), which include notice to the delinquent service recipient and an opportunity to make payment before a lien is placed. Kenova recognizes that W. Va. Code § 8-1-5a(j)(2) prohibits any municipality in the Home

Rule Program from enacting an occupation tax, fee, or assessment payable by a nonresident of a municipality. This proposal would not enact or authorize any tax, fee, or assessment; it would be limited to adding a collection option for existing fees which would allow the municipality to conserve public funds when attempting to collect established fees.

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,

COUNTY OF WAYNE, to-wit:

I, Melisa Palmer, Clerk/ Recorder of the City of Kenova, West Virginia, certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the City of Kenova's "Ordinance Authorizing Submission of An Application to Participate in the West Virginia Home Rule Program to the West Virginia Municipal Home Rule Board," as adopted by the City Council.

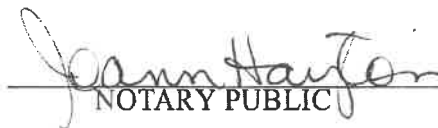
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Melisa Palmer, Clerk/ Recorder

Given under my hand this 6 day of November 2025.

My commission expires:

  
NOTARY PUBLIC

FISCAL STATEMENT

I, Timothy D. Bias, Mayor of the City of Kenova, West Virginia, ("City") do hereby submit this Fiscal Statement in support of the City's proposed Home Rule Plan Application, and in accordance with the form of Home Rule Plan Application published by the West Virginia Home Rule Board and maintained on the website of the West Virginia Department of Revenue:

1. The City proposes to enter the West Virginia Home Rule Program and proposes initiatives to establish a sales and use tax, dispose of property without public auction, issue direct citations for violations of building and property maintenance codes, place liens on dilapidated and nuisance properties, and establish liens for delinquent solid waste fees.
2. The proposals included in the City's Application will allow the City to diversify revenue sources and more effectively collect unpaid and owing fees, as well as more efficiently dispose of City property.
3. The City does not project any additional costs or liabilities as a result of these initiatives.
4. The City has the ability to manage all costs and liabilities associated with this proposal.

  
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Hon. Timothy D. Bias, Mayor

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,  
COUNTY OF WAYNE, to-wit:

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025, in the said county and state by Timothy D. Bias, Mayor of the City of Kenova, West Virginia, on behalf of the City of Kenova, West Virginia.

My commission expires:

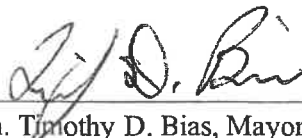
  
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I, Timothy D. Bias, Mayor of the City of Kenova, West Virginia, ("City"), do hereby certify, swear or affirm, and declare that I am competent to give the following declaration based on my personal knowledge, unless otherwise stated, and that the following facts and statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge:

1. I serve as the Mayor for the City.
2. As the Mayor, I am the chief administrative officer of the City and am responsible for duties relating to supervision of City finances, including supervision of the City's Finance Department.
3. In connection with the City's proposed Home Rule Plan Application, and in accordance with the form of Home Rule Plan Amendment published by the West Virginia Home Rule Board and maintained on the website of the West Virginia Department of Revenue, I hereby certify that the City owes no outstanding State fees except as follows:
  - a. None.

  
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Hon. Timothy D. Bias, Mayor

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,

COUNTY OF WAYNE, to-wit:

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025, in the said county and state by Timothy D. Bias, Mayor of the City of Kenova, West Virginia, on behalf of the City of Kenova, West Virginia.

  
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Notary Public

My Commission expires:



  
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November 25, 2025

West Virginia Municipal Home Rule Board  
1900 Kanawha Boulevard East  
Building 1, W-300  
Charleston, WV 25305

**Re: Home Rule Application of City of Kenova—  
Public Hearing Notice**

To the Honorable Members of the West Virginia Municipal Home Rule Board:

I represent the City of Kenova, West Virginia (“Kenova”) and, in connection with that representation, have reviewed the City of Kenova’s West Virginia’s Home Rule Program Application Initial Plan, the Ordinance Authorizing Submission of an Application to Participate in the West Virginia Home Rule Program to the West Virginia Municipal Home Rule Board, enacted by the City of Kenova’s City Council on November 6, 2025, and the related program documents being submitted to the Board in connection with Kenova’s application to participate in the West Virginia Municipal Home Rule Program, and I am of the opinion that the application and plan complies with applicable state law.

Should you have any questions or desire additional information in connection with this matter, please contact me.

Sincerely,

/s/ Debra C. Price

Debra C. Price, Esq.  
(304) 412-4894  
*Counsel to City of Kenova*

Cc: Timothy D. Bias, Mayor