

MUNICIPAL HOME RULE  
PROGRAM

City/Town of  
New Cumberland

2020  
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](mailto:MunicipalHomeRule@wv.gov).

<b>A. General Information</b>		
Name of Municipality: City of New Cumberland		
Certifying Official: Richard Blackwell	Title: Mayor	
Contact Person: Sara Hawkins	Title: City Clerk	
Address: PO Box 505		
City, State, Zip: New Cumberland, WV, 26047		
Telephone Number: 304-564-3383 (200)	Fax Number: 304-564-3777	
E-Mail Address: <a href="mailto:cityclerk@cityofnewcumberland.net">cityclerk@cityofnewcumberland.net</a>		
2010 Census Population: 1,103		
<b>B. Municipal Classification</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Class I	<input type="checkbox"/> Class II	<input type="checkbox"/> Class III <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Class IV
<b>C. Attest</b>		
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.		
<u>Richard Blackwell</u>	<u></u>	<u>11/9/2020</u>
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.

<b>Initiative:</b>
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).
<b>SUCCESSSES</b> – 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.
<b>LESSONS LEARNED</b> – 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 be listed on a separate page.

<b>Initiative: 1% Municipal Sales and Service User Tax</b>
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? January 11, 2016
If no, please describe challenges faced in enacting the related ordinance(s).
<p><b>REVENUES</b> – 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>Collection began July 1, 2017. To date we have received \$368,678.80.</p> <p>Beginning July 1, 2017, the B&amp;O tax rate for Retail was reduced from .0015 to .0005. The reduced rate has resulted in a reduced revenue of \$61,212.49 since July 1, 2017.</p> <p>The net revenue gain because of the 1% tax is \$307,466.21 to date.</p>
<p><b>SUCCESES</b> – 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>New Cumberland has used the revenue to supplement our general budget and the daily operations of the City. We have addressed many outstanding Street projects and provided for increased work forces in the summer. A new Police Cruiser has been purchased. We are working towards improvements to our storm drain system. We hope to continue paving projects throughout the City.</p>
<p><b>LESSONS LEARNED</b> – 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>Municipalities should be conservative in their projections for increased revenue.</p>