

MUNICIPAL HOME RULE  
PROGRAM

City of Oak Hill

2021  
PROGRESS  
REPORT

West Virginia  
Municipal Home Rule Board  
P. O. Box 11360  
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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: <b>City of Oak Hill</b>		
Certifying Official: <b>William C. Hannabass</b>	Title: <b>City Manager</b>	
Contact Person: <b>Same</b>	Title: <b>Same</b>	
Address: <b>PO Box 1245</b>		
City, State, Zip: <b>Oak Hill, WV 25901</b>		
Telephone Number: <b>304 469-9541</b>	Fax Number: <b>304 469-2801</b>	
E-Mail Address: <b>bhannabass@oakhillwv.gov</b>		
2010 Census Population: <b>7,730</b>		
<b>B. Municipal Classification</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Class I <input type="checkbox"/> Class II <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Class III</b> <input 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.		
<b>William C. Hannabass</b>		<u>12/8/21</u>
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: <b>Issue citations for external sanitation violations and common nuisances</b>
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? 12/14/2015
If no, please describe challenges faced in enacting the related ordinance(s).
<b>SUCSESSES</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>The implementation of this ordinance continues to be the main force in abating hundreds of issues in a timely manner.</b>
<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. <b>The Police Dept. and Code Enforcement have an advantage when they work together. This will avoid duplication and encourage safety for both departments.</b>

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: File Liens on real property for costs incurred in abating exterior sanitation and common nuisance violations.</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? 12/14/2015
If no, please describe challenges faced in enacting the related ordinance(s).
<b>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. Due to the COVID Pandemic we had a loss in revenue for blighted property by nuisance.</b>
<b>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. Municipal liens set aside at county tax sales continues to dimmish the effectiveness of this ordinance.</b>

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Initiative: <b>Exempt the City's Police civil service commission from the party affiliation requirement</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? 12/14/2015
If no, please describe challenges faced in enacting the related ordinance(s).
<b>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. <b>Members of the Commission have remained faithful to their membership and have agreed to serve. Their membership will not expire until July 2024 and 2025.</b></b>
<b>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.</b>

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Initiative: <b>Alcohol sales on premises within 300 feet of a church</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? 12/14/2015
If no, please describe challenges faced in enacting the related ordinance(s).
<b>SUCSESSES</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. <b>Since the adoption of this ordinance, there have been no problems or complaints received.</b>
<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. <b>Small-business people who are simply seeking to live their lives and conduct their businesses are able to do so thru this ordinance.</b>

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Initiative: <b>Registration of vacant structures when owners are nonresponsive</b>
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If yes, when was the ordinance enacted? 12/14/2015
If no, please describe challenges faced in enacting the related ordinance(s).
<b>SUCSESSES</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. <b>This ordinance has helped to return the property to its original use – an owner occupied or business.</b>
<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. <b>Population loss, and weak economy has required other solutions such as demolition.</b>

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Initiative: <b>Cost of an audit</b>
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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. <b>N/A</b>
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