

MUNICIPAL HOME RULE
PROGRAM

City/Town of
Chapmanville

2023
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: Town of Chapmanville		
Certifying Official: Joel McNeely	Title: Mayor	
Contact Person: C Jeffrey Vallet	Title: CPA	
Address: P O Box 427		
City, State, Zip: Chapmanville, WV 25508		
Telephone Number: 304-855-4582	Fax Number: 304-752-3254	
E-Mail Address: cjvallet@vallettax.com		
2010 Census Population: 1,690		
B. Municipal Classification		
<input type="checkbox"/> Class I	<input type="checkbox"/> Class II	<input type="checkbox"/> Class III
<input checked="" 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.		
<u>Joel S McNeely</u>	<u>Joel S McNeely</u>	<u>12-1-23</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.

Initiative:
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). None
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.
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 be listed on a separate page.

Initiative: Municipal Sales and Use Tax
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? April 13, 2021
If no, please describe challenges faced in enacting the related ordinance(s). None
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. Our home rule revenue for the year was \$204,230, which represents three quarters of sales taxes. We reduced the b & o rates as we said we would do. There was a slight decrease in those revenues, but the drop is minor when compared with the revenues from Home Rule.
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. We have had a number of successes when it comes to Home Rule. The first one is the area employee pay and benefits. We have been to raise our employee wages that would not have been possible without Home Rule. We have finally been able to participate in the State Pension System. It would not have been possible without Home Rule. The second success is equipping our people with the tools to do their jobs. We purchased a new garbage truck and two police cruisers. Both would not have been possible without Home Rule. The third success is the ability to hire additional employees. Our ability to serve has improved with additional people to serve. That would not have been possible without Home Rule
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. A major lesson we have learned is change is hard even after the fact. When we passed Home Rule there were dissenters. Even after Home Rule was passed, even after seeing the positive effects of Home Rule, they still dissent. Leason is you can't please all the people all of time.