

MUNICIPAL HOME RULE PROGRAM

City of Hurricane

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: CITY OF HURRICANE			
Certifying Official: SCOTT EDWARDS	Title: MAYOR		
Contact Person: RACHEL GRAY	Title: FINANCE MANAGER		
Address: 3255 TEAYS VALLEY RD			
City, State, Zip: HURRICANE, WV 25526			
Telephone Number: 304-562-5896	Fax Number: 304-562-5858		
E-Mail Address: RGRAY@HURRICANEWV.COM			
2020 Census Population: 6,977			
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.			
SCOTT EDWARDS		11/13/23	
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: Sale of Municipal Property without Auction
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? December 2, 2019
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. The City of Hurricane hasn't had any items to sell since this Ordinance was enacted.
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

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Initiative: Intergovernmental Agreements by Resolution
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? December 2, 2019
If no, please describe challenges faced in enacting the related ordinance(s).
SUCCESES – 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. The City of Hurricane hasn't had the need to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement to date.
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

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Initiative: On the Spot Nuisance Citations
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? December 2, 2019
If no, please describe challenges faced in enacting the related ordinance(s).
SUCCESES – 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. The City of Hurricane’s Code Enforcement Officer issues on-the-spot nuisance citations for overgrown grass, trash/junk on property, junk vehicles, etc. Issuance of on-the-spot nuisance citations allows the City to address nuisance issues immediately, reducing potential risk to other members of the community. At the time of notice, abatement procedures are identified. If the property owner does not respond in the required timeframe, the City handles abatement of the violation.
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

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Initiative: Adequate Funding for Advertising for the City
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? December 2, 2019
If no, please describe challenges faced in enacting the related ordinance(s).
SUCCESES – 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. The City of Hurricane has not had the need to utilize this Ordinance.
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: Municipal Sales and Use Tax
Was this tax initiative a part of your original plan application XX or a plan amendment <input type="checkbox"/> or N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Has the ordinance(s) needed to implement this initiative been enacted? XX Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, when was the ordinance enacted? December 2, 2019
If no, please describe challenges faced in enacting the related ordinance(s).
<p>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.</p> <p>The Municipal Sales and Use Tax effective date for the City of Hurricane was July 1, 2020. The City has received \$1,870,330.02 in revenue in calendar year 2022 which is above our original annual revenue projection of \$1,350,000 annually. This revenue was anticipated and appropriated in our FY2023 and FY2024 Budgets. The City reduced Business & Occupation Tax Rates in the Retail category. Our original projections of a \$150,000 decrease in Revenue due to this reduction seem to be correct. If this continues to be the case, the City will see a net revenue gain of \$1,720,330.</p>
<p>SUCCESES – 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>Our Municipal Sales and Use Tax was used to fund part of the build of a new Fire and Rescue Department and to employee three paid Firefighters for the City of Hurricane. The Municipal Sales and Use Tax also helps fund other things such as paving and concrete for streets and parks and rec development.</p>
<p>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.</p> <p>N/A</p>