

MUNICIPAL HOME RULE PROGRAM

City/Town of
Chapmanville

2024
PROGRESS
REPORT

WV 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		
2020 Census Population: 1690		
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.		
<i>Joel S. McNeely</i>	<i>J. McNeely</i>	<i>12/11/2024</i>
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).
SUCCESSES – 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:
Was this tax initiative a part of your original plan application <input type="checkbox"/> or a plan amendment <input type="checkbox"/> or N/A <input checked="" 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).
<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>This is the first full year of Home Rule for our Town. Collections were over \$400,000. Those collections have been deposited in an account labeled Home Rule making the tracking of income and expenses very simple.</p> <p>The B & O rate reduction implemented has not hampered the Town one bit. We have two property owners who want to be annexed providing more B & O revenue. They want to be a part of a Town where safety is key and a town that is clean.</p>
<p>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.</p> <p>We continue to have successes due to Home Rule.</p> <p>Due to Home Rule, the town has been able to cover the increased health insurance costs due to increases in PEIA. Prior to Home Rule we couldn't afford to pay the entire premium. Now we can.</p> <p>Due to Home Rule, we have been able to provide new equipment for Police, Street and Garbage operations. Prior to Home Rule, we were just getting by. Now our employees have new and safer equipment to enable them to do their jobs.</p> <p>Due to Home Rule, we have become the center for the Town's activity. There is a place where seniors can have a place to eat lunch, play games and many other activities. Other improvements are in the works and made possible due to Home Rule.</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>Lesson learned: "It takes time". During the year dissent has dropped and assent has increased. People's minds can change. But it takes effort and money to do it. But it takes time.</p>

