

MUNICIPAL HOME RULE PROGRAM

Town of Fayetteville

2024
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 Fayetteville		
Certifying Official: Sharon Cruikshank	Title: Mayor	
Contact Person: Matt Diederich	Title: Town Manager	
Address: 125 N. Court St. (PO Box 298)		
City, State, Zip: Fayetteville, WV 25840		
Telephone Number: (304) 574-0101	Fax Number: (304) 574-3765	
E-Mail Address: town@fayettevillewv.gov		
2020 Census Population: 2,873		
B. Municipal Classification		
Class III		
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.		
Sharon Cruikshank		10/30/2024
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 an Auction
Was this non-tax initiative a part of your original plan application? YES
Has the ordinance(s) needed to implement this initiative been enacted? YES (Article 202)
If yes, when was the ordinance enacted? December 12, 2021
If no, please describe challenges faced in enacting the related ordinance(s).
<p>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.</p> <p>We sold a two-acre piece of property, through sealed bids. We were able to get a market rate price for this piece of property.</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>It simplifies the process for the most part.</p>

Initiative: On-the-Spot Citations
Was this non-tax initiative a part of your original plan application? YES
Has the ordinance(s) needed to implement this initiative been enacted? YES (Several)
If yes, when was the ordinance enacted? December 2, 2021
If no, please describe challenges faced in enacting the related ordinance(s).
<p>SUCCESSIONS – 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.</p> <p>This was put into effect to help with the handling of nuisances. While we have issued numerous notices for nuisances, we have not had to issue an on-the-spot citation. We feel that by having the ability to issue citations, issues have been cleaned up.</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>Having the ability of on-the-spot citations has really helped with getting property owners to respond and correct their issue(s) in a timely manner.</p>

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? YES																															
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<p>By reducing our B&O, we saved our vendors and citizens \$186,570 based on FY2024 figures. A quarter of these savings were passed on to our Water customers via the Water Utility B&O reduction.</p>																															
<p>We completed the engineering and planning phases for the House Branch Drainage Basin stormwater project, which should go out for construction bids next year. To help offset the cost of the stormwater fee for citizens, the Town applied for a 1% sales tax.</p>																															
<p>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.</p>																															

We completed numerous deferred maintenance projects at our Town Park, thanks to the funds from the 1% sales tax allocated for Parks. We also hired a marketing firm to carry out a branding and signage study. This will help with the placement and design of wayfinding signs throughout the Town, making it easier to navigate. We were able to complete the restoration of a historic stone wall located on Keller Ave, that had collapsed years ago.

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.

Having a solid plan in place is always beneficial, as it allows for the completion of larger goals and projects. We now have a clearer idea of how much to allocate each quarter, which aids in the planning of these bigger projects. Thanks to the 1% sales tax, we aim to accomplish several major projects this year.