

# MUNICIPAL HOME RULE PROGRAM

City/Town of Follansbee

2023  
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](mailto:MunicipalHomeRule@wv.gov).**

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| <b>A. General Information</b>  |  |          |
| Name of Municipality: City of Follansbee   |  |          |
| Certifying Official: Jessica Gumm  | Title: Planning Director   |          |
| Contact Person: Chris Manack-Stover  | Title: City Manager  |          |
| Address: P.O. Box 606  |  |          |
| City, State, Zip: Follansbee, WV 26037   |  |          |
| Telephone Number: 304-527-1330   | Fax Number: 304-527-2615   |          |
| E-Mail Address: citymanager@follansbeewv.gov   |  |          |
| 2020 Census Population: 2,853  |  |          |
| <b>B. Municipal Classification</b>   |  |          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Class I <input type="checkbox"/> Class II <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Class III <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. |  |          |
| Jessica Gumm   |  | 11/14/24 |
| 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.

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| <b>Initiative: N/A</b>   |
| 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).  |
| <b>SUCCESESSES</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>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.   |

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.

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| <b>Initiative:</b> 1% Sale Tax and B&O reduction on Automobile and Food Related Business   |
| 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? 12/12/16   |
| If no, please describe challenges faced in enacting the related ordinance(s).  |
| <p><b>REVENUES</b> – 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>Sales and Use Tax Revenue: The \$500,502.68 revenue generated from the sale and use tax in FY 2022-2023 reflects total collection from applicable transactions.</p> <p>Tax Credit for Hot Foods: Only three businesses currently use this credit, however, there is potential for an additional five other businesses to benefit if they would claim this credit.</p> <p>Reduced Car Sales Tax Rate: One business utilizes this reduction, achieving estimated annual tax savings of \$28,000.</p> <p>Exemptions: All businesses are benefiting from 5,000 exemptions available to them, potentially reducing their overall tax burden.</p> |
| <p><b>SUCCESES</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.</p> <p>Street repairs and maintenance.<br/>Repairs and maintenance to city fiscal facilities.<br/>Beautification projects.<br/>Repairs and maintenance of city garbage trucks.</p>  |
| <p><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.</p> <p>N/A this ordinance was enacted in 2016-2017</p>   |