MUNICIPAL HOME RULE PROGRAM

City/Town of Hinton

2024 PROGRESS REPORT

West Virginia Municipal Home Rule Board P. O. Box 11360 Charleston, WV 25339-1360 <u>MunicipalHomeRule@wv.gov</u> 304.558.3356

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 <u>MunicipalHomeRule@wv.gov</u>.

A. General Information	
Name of Municipality: City of Hinton	
Certifying Official: Jack Scott	Mayor
Contact Person: Cris Meadows	Title: City Manager
Address: 322 Summers Street	
City, State, Zip: Hinton, WV, 25951	
Telephone Number: 304-466-3255	Fax Number:
E-Mail Address: <u>cmeadows@hintonwva.com</u>	
2020 Census Population: 2266	
B. Municipal Classification	
□ Class I □ Class II √ Class III	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.	

ck Scott, Certifying Official

12-2-2-Date

Signature of Certifying Official

Initiative:

Sale of Municipal property without auction

Was this non-tax initiative a part of your original plan application \checkmark or a plan amendment \Box ?

Has the ordinance(s) needed to implement this initiative been enacted? 🗸 Yes 🛛 No

If yes, when was the ordinance enacted? 08/16/2022

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.

We have recently used this and found it a good way to get rid of old useless and nonessential items that are inefficient.

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.

We have tried to clean up some of our storage facilities with this and found that it is a good way to get rid of things.

Initiative: Municipal Sales and Use Tax

Was this tax initiative a part of your original plan application 🗸 or a plan amendment 🔲 or N/A 🗍

Has the ordinance(s) needed to implement this initiative been enacted?

If yes, when was the ordinance enacted?

If no, please describe challenges faced in enacting the related ordinance(s).

The Ordinance was approved on 8/16/2022 but the City Council decided to wait awhile before beginning implementation of the tax and therefore it has yet to be enacted

✓ No

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.

Not Applicable/ We are passing our ordinance and will be putting this into effect in July of 2025.

SUCCESSES – 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.

Not Applicable

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.

Not Applicable

Initiative:

Sale of Municipal Property to Non-profits for less than fair market value

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We have not used this ordinance at this time.

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Initiative:

On-the-spot citations for public nuisance, health, and safety code violations

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We are currently using this for our code enforcement official. He has written multiple tickets for trash, weeds and unsafe buildings.

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This has freed up our policemen from doing this and has worked well in helping to clean up our city.

Initiative:

Shortened Period of time for forfeitures of structures when owners of properties that have been dilapidated or unhabitable refuse to address code violations.

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Initiative:

Manage blighted and vacant properties and place lien on city remediated properties without court order.

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If yes, when was the ordinance enacted? 08/16/2022

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We have on some occasions mowed and cleaned up vacant properties and have attached liens to the property for the costs associated with the clean up.

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We have not collected any of this money yet but we hope to if the property turns over to another owner and in the mean time we have helped out the local community by getting the properties more presentable.

Initiative:

Ability to hire part/full time police officers over forty years old

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