

MUNICIPAL HOME RULE PROGRAM

City/Town of _____
Montgomery _____

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: City of Montgomery		
Certifying Official: Greg Ingram	Title: Mayor	
Contact Person: Angela Tackett	Title: City Administrator	
Address: 321 4th Avenue		
City, State, Zip: Montgomery WV 25136		
Telephone Number: 304-442-5181	Fax Number: 304-442-5395	
E-Mail Address: gingram@montgomerywv.gov atackett@montgomerywv.gov		
2020 Census Population: 1275		
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.		
 Type Name of Certifying Official	 Signature of Certifying Official	10-11-24 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:
Liens for actions taken in regard to eyesores and dilapidated building
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 17, 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. Through this initiative, we have been able to tear down multiple structures in both the residential and commercial sections of our town. Liens have been placed against the property. Funding from WV DEP REAP has been essential in helping accomplish this task
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. Take steps in documenting each time you contact a property owner. Have detailed files and be prepared when filing a lien with the county.

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: 1% sales tax
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? December 17, 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>For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the City of Montgomery received \$229,129.32 in sales tax revenue. Since the beginning of the fiscal year, we have received \$64,729.39 in sales tax revenue. Calculating the difference in revenue for reduction in B&O is difficult to calculate because we don't have a software program for B&O.</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>The revenue from the sales tax is an integral portion of our budget. Due to rising cost and loss in population and area businesses, any additional revenue assists in balancing the budget.</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>All cities should have the ability to benefit from the 1 % sales tax. It also reduces the burden of the tax on the small retail businesses by passing it on to the consumer.</p>

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Initiative:

Intergovernmental agreements by resolution

Was this non-tax initiative a part of your original plan application ☒ or a plan amendment ☐?

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

If yes, when was the ordinance enacted? December 17, 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.

We have not utilized this ordinance at this time.

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: Disposition of 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 No
If yes, when was the ordinance enacted? December 17, 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. Through the Land Bank Committee, which was created to oversee City Property, the City has been able to dispose of property that can be better served by other uses. At this time, the Land Bank Committee has approved the transfer of several properties to new owners and is in the process of accepting and listing other properties
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. By getting rid of un-purposed properties, empty building may be repurposed for future business opportunities in your community.