

MUNICIPAL HOME RULE PROGRAM

Town of Romney

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 Romney		
Certifying Official: Beverly C. Keadle	Title: Mayor	
Contact Person: Beverly C. Keadle	Title: Mayor	
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City, State, Zip: Romney, WV 26757		
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2020 Census Population: 1708		
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.		
Beverly C. Keadle		12-9-24
		
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.

Initiative: Disposition of Municipal 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 <input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, when was the ordinance enacted? August 8, 2022
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>Although this ordinance has only been used in a few limited instances, it has proved a useful tool easing administrative burden for sales of unused equipment. This year the town has sold two old police cars: a 2009 Ford Crown Victoria at \$500.00 and a 2010 Dodge Charger at \$75.00.</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>Preparation for sale was time consuming--all police equipment was removed including police logos on exterior.</p>

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Initiative: Authority to Issue On-The-Spot Citations
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? August 8, 2022
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<p>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.</p> <p>No on-the-spot citations have been issued this calendar year as of this date; however, there is a very real possibility that an on-the-spot citation(s) will be used before the end of the calendar year.</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>The general public's awareness that this is a tool that can be used for nuisance ordinance compliance has made a marked difference.</p>

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Initiative: Adjust the number of members on the Development Authority Board
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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? August 8, 2022
If no, please describe challenges faced in enacting the related ordinance(s).
<p>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.</p> <p>With the reduction in required number of Development Authority Board members, the appointment process has been eased and subsequently having a quorum at the meetings has not been a problem.</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>A few engaged members is more beneficial than a larger number of members to comply with state code.</p>

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Initiative: Rental Registration
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? August 8, 2022
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>To implement the Rental Registration, notices were placed in the local newspaper, social media and website 120 days prior to start date. Online registration was offered as well as face to face paper registration. Approximately 90% of all rentals were registered by inception date. After start date, the Code Enforcement Officer reviewed property parcels to find unregistered properties. Notices were sent to these owners.</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>Some investigation work on the part of the Code Enforcement Officer was required to establish a true base line of rental properties within town boundaries. When this was established the next step was to schedule inspections. While a check list was made available to the landlord, repeat inspections were necessary to bring the property to bring the property into compliance.</p>