

# MUNICIPAL HOME RULE PROGRAM

City/Town of St. Albans\_

2024\_  
PROGRESS  
REPORT

West Virginia  
Municipal Home Rule Board  
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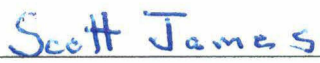

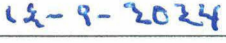


**West Virginia State Code §8-1-5a (m) provides:**

"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](mailto:MunicipalHomeRule@wv.gov).

<b>A. General Information</b>		
Name of Municipality: St. Albans		
Certifying Official: Scott James	Title: Mayor	
Contact Person: Veronica Westfall	Title: City Clerk/Recorder	
Address: PO Box 1488		
City, State, Zip: St. Albans, WV 25177		
Telephone Number: 304-722-3391	Fax Number: 304-722-6555	
E-Mail Address: sarecorder@suddenlinkmail.com		
2020 Census Population: 11,567		
<b>B. Municipal Classification</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Class I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Class II <input 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.		
		
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.

<b>Initiative: Purchases Through Public Entity Cooperatives</b>
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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, when was the ordinance enacted?
If no, please describe challenges faced in enacting the related ordinance(s).  No challenges; just not needed to implement.
<b>SUCCESSSES</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.

<b>Initiative: Municipal Sales Tax</b>
Was this tax initiative a part of your original plan application <input type="checkbox"/> or a plan amendment <input checked="" 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? 9/16/2016
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>In 2024, the City collected four quarters: October-December 2023, \$496,546.15; January – March 2024, \$486,549.13; April – June 2024, \$515,548.33; July – September 2024, \$534,894.21</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>The City continues to make much needed updates and safety improvements to various facilities. With this funding we have been able to update various police and fire vehicles, make much needed improvements to the Central Fire Station, continue with the program for demolition of dilapidated properties.</p>
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<b>Initiative: Intergovernmental Agreements by Resolution Rather than Ordinance</b>
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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? 2/16/2016 Article 404
If no, please describe challenges faced in enacting the related ordinance(s).
<b>SUCCESSSES</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.  Article 404—The City continues to work with volunteer fire departments for mutual aid, water rescue related emergencies and automatic aid to structure fire response by resolution.
<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.



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<b>Initiative: Disposition of City Property Without Auction</b>
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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? 2/16/2016
If no, please describe challenges faced in enacting the related ordinance(s). .
<b>SUCCESSES</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.  Article 405—the City has not disposed of city property without auction since this ordinance was enacted
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<b>Initiative: Sale of Alcoholic Beverages</b>
Was this non-tax initiative a part of your original plan application <input type="checkbox"/> or a plan amendment <input checked="" 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? 8/6/2018 Article 409
If no, please describe challenges faced in enacting the related ordinance(s).
<p><b>SUCCESSSES</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.</p> <p>Article 409—Sunday Sales of alcoholic beverages Since the enacted “brunch bill”; the City has continued to receive favorable reaction from businesses and customers.</p>
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<b>Initiative: Placing Public Nuisance Liens without Court Order</b>
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If yes, when was the ordinance enacted? 2/16/16 Article 407
If no, please describe challenges faced in enacting the related ordinance(s).
<b>SUCCESES</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.  Article 407— 17 new liens were placed.
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<b>Initiative: Enforcement of External Sanitation and Common Nuisance Violations</b>
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If yes, when was the ordinance enacted? 2/16/2016 Article 406
If no, please describe challenges faced in enacting the related ordinance(s).
<p><b>SUCCESES</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.</p> <p>Article 406—This initiative provided additional and alternative methods and processes to enforce the municipal code provisions regarding exterior sanitation and common nuisances related to property in City limits.</p> <p>579 notices of violations have been served since January 1, 2024; 566 took corrective action &amp; 13 citations were issued.</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>