

MUNICIPAL HOME RULE PROGRAM

City/Town of Weston

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.

A. General Information			
Name of Municipality: <u>City of Weston</u>			
Certifying Official: <u>Kim Harrison-Edwards</u>		Title: Mayor	
Contact Person: Nate Stansberry		Title: City Manager	
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City, State, Zip: Weston, WV 26452			
Telephone Number: 304-269-6141		Fax Number: 304-269-7842	
E-Mail: <u>nstansberry@cityofwestonwv.com</u>			
2020 Census Population: 3,952			
B. Municipal Classification			
Class I	Class II	Class III X	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.			
Kim Harrison-Edwards		<u>Kim Harrison-Edwards</u>	
Type Name of Certifying Official		Signature of Certifying Official	
		<u>11/27/2024</u>	
		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: On-Site Citations
Was this non-tax initiative a part of your original plan application <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> or a plan amendment ?
Has the ordinance(s) needed to implement this initiative been enacted? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, when was the ordinance enacted? Updated in September 2020; reenacted April 4, 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>The threat of a citation has caused various offenders to remedy the various violations; the Building Code Official and the City Police have cooperated in assessing situations requiring on-site citations and then utilizing the appropriate citation(s) for each situation; the Municipal Court is now hearing/seeing some cases where an alleged violator either challenges the citation or fails to appear to plead to the citation.</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>With one more year under our belt in learning how to issue citations and just generally enforce the On-Site Citation ordinance, the City is becoming more comfortable is recognizing violations, working with property owners to fix the violations, and, if no fix, writing citations; the threat of municipal court action also helps incentivize property owners to fix violations and pay citations;</p>

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Initiative: Increase Eligibility Age for Municipal Police Officers
Was this non-tax initiative a part of your original plan application X ; or a plan amendment
Has the ordinance(s) needed to implement this initiative been enacted? Yes No
If yes, when was the ordinance enacted? N/A
If no, please describe challenges faced in enacting the related ordinance(s). The lack of necessity has warranted this ordinance to not be necessary. The Weston Police Department has remained relatively young in membership and lacked interest from advanced age candidates.
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. N/A
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

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: Municipal 1% Sales Tax
Was this tax initiative a part of your original plan application X ; or a plan amendment; or N/A
Has the ordinance(s) needed to implement this initiative been enacted? Yes X No
If yes, when was the ordinance enacted? June 2017
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>Sales Tax Revenues averaged approximately \$152,000 per quarter bringing in \$609,577.34 annum of a \$3,046,000, or 20%. Each quarter sales taxes are documented and the data provided by the state for each payee analyzed for the potential capture of additional funding sources. The City hopes to utilize sales tax more fully in the future through annexation to allow the further reduction and even possibly the elimination of B&O Taxes or other fees.</p>
<p>SUCCESES – 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 Sales Tax has allowed the City to perform more regular general maintenance of city streets, provide funding for demolition of dilapidated properties, and allowed the City to make small investments in its workforce and equipment. The Tax also allows the hiring of adequate staffing and professionals to the move the City forward in its planning and acquiring of additional financial aid through grants and other programs.</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>

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Initiative: Payment and Selection of Auditors
Was this tax initiative a part of your original plan application X ; or a plan amendment; or N/A
Has the ordinance(s) needed to implement this initiative been enacted? Yes No X
If yes, when was the ordinance enacted? N/A
If no, please describe challenges faced in enacting the related ordinance(s). The ordinance has not been implemented due to the lack of necessity as it is the belief of the current administration that the best value is to continue with the State Auditing Selection program until the City has rectified backlogged audits.
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. N/A
SUCCESES – 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. N/A
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