

# MUNICIPAL HOME RULE PROGRAM

City of Ronceverte

2025  
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](mailto:MunicipalHomeRule@wv.gov).**

<b>A. General Information</b>		
Name of Municipality: City of Ronceverte		
Certifying Official: Pamela Mentz	Title: City Administrator	
Contact Person: Pamela Mentz	Title: City Administrator	
Address: PO Box 417		
City, State, Zip: Ronceverte, WV 24970		
Telephone Number: 304-647-5455	Fax Number: 304-647-5473	
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2020 Census Population: 1,572		
<b>B. Municipal Classification</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Class I <input type="checkbox"/> Class II <input type="checkbox"/> Class III <input checked="" 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.		
Pamela Mentz		11/10/25
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: "On the Spot" Citations</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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, when was the ordinance enacted? October 6, 2025
If no, please describe challenges faced in enacting the related ordinance(s).
<p><b>SUCSESSES</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>With the modification of our enforcement of the zoning code, we have been able to utilize a more streamlined citation process that has been utilized in conjunction with the REAP program to demolish properties that had been dilapidated and beyond repair. To date, 14 properties have been demolished and an additional four are slated to be demolished before the end of the year.</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> <p>By allowing On the Spot Citations, the diary timeline that property owners have in order to remedy or remediate their dilapidated structures begins quickly and ensures that the City was able to participate in the REAP program in a timely manner.</p>

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<b>Initiative: Disposition of City Property</b>
Was this non-tax initiative a part of your original plan application <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> or a plan amendment <input type="checkbox"/> ?
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<b>SUCSESSES</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.  Through the implementation of this initiative and ordinance, the City has utilized the govdeals.com bidding platform to auction of equipment that was no longer utilized and impounded and forfeited vehicles.
<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.  By utilizing the govdeals.com platform, the City is able to utilize a far greater customer base and allows the liquidation with more realistic values than a traditional public auction.

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<b>Initiative: Shortened Period of Time for Forfeiture of Structures When Owners of Properties That Have Been Dilapidated or Unhabitable Refuse to Address Code Violations</b>
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If yes, when was the ordinance enacted?
If no, please describe challenges faced in enacting the related ordinance(s).  The City was admitted into the Home Rule program in mid-2025 and will take the steps necessary to implement the program in 2026.
<b>SUCSESSES</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.

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<b>Initiative: Manage Blighted and Vacant Properties Place Lien on City Remediated Properties Without Court Order</b>
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<b>SUCSESSES</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:</b>
Was this tax initiative a part of your original plan application <input type="checkbox"/> or a plan amendment <input type="checkbox"/> or N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Has the ordinance(s) needed to implement this initiative been enacted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, when was the ordinance enacted?
If no, please describe challenges faced in enacting the related ordinance(s).
<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.
<b>SUCSESSES</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.
<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.