

MUNICIPAL HOME RULE PROGRAM

City/Town of St Marys

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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 Saint Marys		
Certifying Official: Patrick K. Boyles	Title: Mayor	
Contact Person: Brooke Barnhart	Title: City Manager	
Address: 418 Second Street		
City, State, Zip: Saint Marys WV 26170		
Telephone Number: 304-684-2401	Fax Number: 304-684-2463	
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2020 Census Population: 7,653		
B. Municipal Classification		
Class I	Class II	Class III ♦ 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.		
Patrick K. Boyles		10/22/25
		
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.

<p>Initiative: “Party Membership Requirements for Election Boards”</p>
<p>Was this non-tax initiative a part of your original plan application ♦ or a plan amendment?</p>
<p>Has the ordinance(s) needed to implement this initiative been enacted? ♦ Yes No</p>
<p>If yes, when was the ordinance enacted? 12/17/2024</p>
<p>If no, please describe challenges faced in enacting the related ordinance(s).</p>
<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 implementation of this initiative it was easier for the City of Saint Marys to find poll workers and not having to worry about their political party. This was a very good change for the City since we are a very small community and had a hard time in elections before finding democrats and republicans to work our polls.</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>If you are a smaller community like Saint Marys and it is hard to find poll workers depending on there political parties it would benefit you to pass the party membership requirements for election boards.</p>

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Initiative: "On-the-spot code enforcement citations"
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? 12/17/2024
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. With the passing of this ordinance we have been giving citizens a written warning sent by certified letters and if they are not compliant with what the letters are stating they will be given a citation for not following the requests. Since we have sent certified letters we have had no issue and all citizens have followed suite.
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. With passing this ordinance we have been able to keep our community cleaner and keep all the grass cut with being able to give a citation if they are not compliant with the certified letter.

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:
Was this tax initiative a part of your original plan application ♦ or a plan amendment or N/A
Has the ordinance(s) needed to implement this initiative been enacted? ♦ Yes No
If yes, when was the ordinance enacted? 12/13/2024
If no, please describe challenges faced in enacting the related ordinance(s). The ordinance has been passed, but we have not been able to enforce the 1% sales tax at this time. The City of Saint Marys will be able to enforce the 1% sales tax starting January 1 st 2026
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.
SUCSESSES – 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.
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.