

MUNICIPAL HOME RULE PROGRAM

City of Summersville

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.

A. General Information		
Name of Municipality: City of Summersville		
Certifying Official: Robert L. Shafer	Title: Mayor	
Contact Person: Aaron W. Beam	Title: Finance Director	
Address: PO Box 525		
City, State, Zip: Summersville, WV 26651		
Telephone Number: 304-872-1211	Fax Number: 304-872-2236	
E-Mail Address: abeam@summersvillewv.org		
2020 Census Population: 3,121		
B. Municipal Classification		
<input type="checkbox"/> Class I <input type="checkbox"/> Class II <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Class III <input 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.		
Robert L. Shafer		12/1/2025
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: "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? 06-24-24
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. On spot citations have given our code official the authority to better address property maintenance issues within the City of Summersville.
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.

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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> or a plan amendment <input 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? 11-28-22
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>For fiscal year 2024-2025 the city collected \$2,219,986 from the 1% municipal sales tax. This is 27% higher than we had estimated and 14.8% higher than the collected amount from year prior.</p>
<p>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.</p> <p>The City of Summersville is currently involved in an expansive sidewalk extension project. This project is partially grant funded, in Phase II of this project the City has matched \$135,000 and incurred \$24,601 in engineering expense.</p> <p>The City of Summersville has purchased properties for a 128-acre recreational park and a 9.4-acre visitor’s center. Both of these projects have incurred preliminary engineering, environmental, and project management expenses.</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 14.8% increase in sales tax revenue from 2023-24 to 2024-25 indicates an increase in business compliance of the implementation of 1% municipal sales tax. A concentrated effort to ensure businesses are implementing the tax correctly is needed.</p>