# Municipal Home Rule Pilot Program Phase III

## APPLICATION CHECKLIST

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<td>Specific problem(s) created by the laws, policies, acts, resolutions, rules or regulations.</td>
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<td>Proposed solution(s) to the perceived problem(s), including all proposed changes to law, policies, acts, resolutions, rules or regulations. Categorize and include:</td>
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<td>1) Proposed solution(s) in one of the five areas (tax/administrative/organization/personnel/other)</td>
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<td>2) If revenue related, estimate(s) for proposed solution(s) and how the fiscal impact was determined. Example: Estimated reduction of administrative time and costs = X. Please attach the worksheet or formula used to determine “X” amount.</td>
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PUBLIC HEARING-HOME RULE

Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA SS
COUNTY OF JACKSON }

Roger Adkins, being duly sworn, says:

That he is Editor of the The Jackson Star News, a weekly newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in Ripley, Jackson County, West Virginia; that the publication, a copy of which is attached hereto, was published in the said newspaper on the following dates:

May 31, 2019, June 07, 2019

That said newspaper was regularly issued and circulated on those dates.

SIGNED: ___

Subscribed to and sworn to me this 7th day of June 2019.

Teresa Elkins, Notary Public, Jackson County, West Virginia

My commission expires: August 29, 2022

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CITY OF RAVENSWOOD
212 WALNUT ST
RAVENSWOOD, WV 26164-1899

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
City of Ravenswood,
West Virginia

HOME RULE PROGRAM

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All interested citizens are invited to attend the public hearing scheduled on Tuesday July 2, 2019, at 7:00 pm, and to present oral or written comments concerning Ravenswood’s proposed Home Rule plan and application. Written comments may be addressed to Mayor Josh Miller, 212 Walnut Street, Ravenswood, West Virginia 26164.

Ravenswood City Council will consider all public comments in preparing the final draft of the plan application and in deciding to proceed with an ordinance authorizing the City to submit the plan to the West Virginia Home Rule Board for its consideration and approval.

The first reading of an ordinance approving submission of the City of Ravenswood’s Home Rule plan application will take place June 18, 2019, during the Ravenswood City Council meeting beginning at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers at Ravenswood City Hall 212 Walnut Street Ravenswood West Virginia.

5/31, 6/7
NEW ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO MAKE APPLICATION TO THE MUNICIPAL HOME RULE BOARD FOR THE CITY OF RAVENSWOOD TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MUNICIPAL HOME RULE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Ravenswood is seeking to improve the City’s economic, social, and cultural prospects, and in general enhance the quality of life of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council finds that the City faces challenges delivering services required by federal and state law and/or demanded by their constituents; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council further finds that the City is sometimes restrained by state statutes, policies, and rules that challenge its ability to carry out its duties and responsibilities in a cost-effective, efficient, and timely manner; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council further finds that participating in the Municipal Home Rule Program is in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to W. Va. Code §8-1-5a(a)(7)(b), which was effective on June 7, 2019, the West Virginia Legislature granted the Municipal Home Rule Program permanent status; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ravenswood’s participation in the Municipal Home Rule Program would allow the City the reasonable legal flexibility to efficiently, effectively, and responsibly pursue and achieve the goals set forth in the City’s Home Rule Plan; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RAVENSWOOD THAT CHAPTER 37 OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES, WHICH WAS PREVIOUSLY RESERVED, SHALL BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

CHAPTER 37: MUNICIPAL HOME RULE

§ 37.01 MAYOR AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO SUBMIT APPLICATION AND PLAN

(A) The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to complete and submit, consistent with the form of the Home Rule Plan attached hereto and otherwise in accordance with the provisions of the W. Va. Code §8-1-5a et. seq., a formal application and proposed Home Rule Plan to the Municipal Home Rule Board requesting its consideration and approval to allow the City of Ravenswood to participate in the Municipal Home Rule Program. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption following its second reading.
Statutory reference: For provisions concerning the authority of the City to participate in Municipal Home Rule, see W. Va. Code §8-1-5a et. seq.

(New Ord. passed: 7-2-2019)

The foregoing Ordinance was introduced and read at the regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Ravenswood on June 18, 2019. A public hearing was held by the Common Council on July 2, 2019, following the publication of a Class II Legal Advertisement in conformity to W. Va. Code §8-1-5a(g)(1)-(4), and W. Va. Code §59-3-1 et. seq. On the 2nd day of July 2019, after the second reading of said Ordinance, Recorder Bloxton moved for the adoption of said Ordinance and authorization for the Honorable Josh Miller, Mayor of the City of Ravenswood, to sign said Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Scritchfield. After discussion, the Common Council of the City of Ravenswood adopted the foregoing Ordinance and authorization with ALL present voting for the Ordinance and authorization and NONE against.

CITY OF RAVENSWOOD

By: ____________________________

Josh Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:

______________________________

Jared Bloxton, Recorder

I, the undersigned, being the duly appointed, qualified and acting Clerk of the City of Ravenswood, hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance is a true, correct and accurate copy as duly and lawfully passed and adopted by the governing body of the City on the 2nd day of July, 2019.

______________________________

Kimberly Benson, City Clerk/Treasurer
July 2, 2019

West Virginia Department of Revenue
Municipal Home Rule Program
State Capitol Complex, Bldg. 1 Room W-300
1900 Kanawha Blvd., East
Charleston, WV 25305

Dear Municipal Home Rule Board,

Thank you for reviewing the City of Ravenswood’s Home Rule Application, we look forward to working with you to solve the unique challenges in our city. Currently, I’m not aware of any outstanding fees that the City of Ravenswood owes the State of West Virginia.

If you should have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (304) 273-2621.

Sincerely,

Josh Miller
Mayor, City of Ravenswood WV
July 2, 2019

Municipal Home Rule Board
P. O. Box 11360
Charleston, WV 25301

RE: Application for Municipal Home Rule Program – City of Ravenswood

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing regarding the above captioned matter. Based on information and belief, the City’s application complies with the statutory requirements associated with the Municipal Home Rule Program.

Sincerely,

Stephen W. Cogar
City Attorney
The City of Ravenswood  
212 Walnut Street  
Ravenswood, WV 26164

PUBLIC HEARING  HOME RULE  
July 2, 2019 Sign up to speak to City Council

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City of Ravenswood

2019 West Virginia Municipal Home Rule Program Application

Section I: Application Information

A. General Information

Name of Municipality: City of Ravenswood

Certifying Official: Josh Miller  Title: Mayor
Contact Person: Steve Cogar  Title: City Attorney

Address: 212 Walnut St.
City, State, Zip: Ravenswood, West Virginia 26164
Telephone Number: (304) 273-2621  Fax Number: (304) 273-2603
Email Address: mayor@cityofravenswood.com
2010 Census Population: 3,876

B. Municipal Classification

Please identify municipal class/metro government: (Check One)

Class I  Class II  Class III X  Metro-Government 

C. Category of Issues to be Addressed

Please identify areas to be addressed through home rule: (Check all that apply)

Taxing X  Organization _  Administrative X  Personnel _
1. "Eyesores" and Dilapidated Structures (Administrative) – Make needed repairs to "eyesores", dilapidated structures/property and sidewalks with the cost of repairs becoming a lien on the property.

2. Building and Zoning Administration Enforcement Provisions (Administrative) – Permit zoning and building administrators and/or City law enforcement officers to issue "on the spot" citations for exterior sanitation/common public nuisance violations.

3. Allow Mayor and City Council to determine Requirements for Municipal Boards, Commissions, and Authorities (Administrative) – Allow Mayor and Council to determine requirements for participation regarding Boards, Commissions, and Authorities required by WV State Code.

4. Reducing or Eliminating Certain B&O Tax Rate Categories; Adding 1% Municipal Sales Tax (Taxing) – Reducing certain B&O Tax Rate Categories and adding the 1% Municipal Sales Tax
City of Ravenswood

Municipal Home Rule Plan

The following proposed Municipal Home Rule Plan lists additional powers for the City of Ravenswood (the "City") which will, if approved, enhance and improve the ability of the City to meet its present and future financial and civic service obligations. Provided the City is granted these additional powers, it will have the opportunity to improve its management, provision of services, the quality of life of its citizens, and will further promote growth and prestige of our city and state.

The Plan: Pursuant to W.Va. Code 5a, Article 1, Chapter 8, the City hereby proposes the following Municipal Home Rule plan:

1. "Eyesores" and Dilapidated Structures (Administrative) current state law, W.Va. Code 8-12-16, only permits municipalities to “adopt ordinances regulating the repair, alteration, or the vacating and closing or removal or demolition...of any dwellings or other buildings unfit for human habitation due to dilapidation, defects increasing the hazard of fire, accidents or other calamities, lack of ventilation, light or sanitary facilities or any other conditions...which would cause such dwellings or other buildings to be unsafe, unsanitary, dangerous or detrimental to the public safety or welfare." This does not allow municipalities to address problems with property maintenance that detract from the neighborhood or constitute eyesores but do not yet constitute a threat to public safety. Additionally, W Va. Code 8-12-16 limits the lien amounts municipalities may assess for repairing or demolishing a structure to the assessed value of the property and requires that the City obtain a court judgment for the imposition of the lien.

Thus, it is proposed that the City be given the power and authority, after due notice to the owner and owners of property which is not being properly maintained, to enter the property and to maintain, repair or demolish the property, and/or to mow or trim unkempt grass, brush or trees to ensure that the property does not detract from the neighborhood or deteriorate further. The cost of that rehabilitation would constitute a lien against the property without the necessity of obtaining a court order.

2. Building and Zoning Administration Enforcement Provisions (Administrative) Presently, there is no clear authority under state law that would permit building and zoning administrators or City law enforcement officers to issue “on the spot” citations for external sanitation violations or common nuisances. Additionally, W. Va. Code 8-12-16 mandates certain procedural and notice requirements including a requirement that, "[a]ll orders issued by the enforcement agency shall be served in accordance with the law of this state concerning the service of process in civil actions" and a requirement that such orders "be posted in conspicuous place on the premises affected by the complaint or order..." Further, W.Va. Code 8-12-16(d) currently mandates that "no ordinance shall be adopted
without providing therein for the right to apply to the circuit court for a temporary injunction restraining the law enforcement agency pending final disposition of cause.” Currently, building and zoning administrators issue citations only after application to and approval by the Municipal Court. The process of successfully prosecuting a building or zoning violations may take a month, or more, and fosters recidivism from violators who will correct violations to get a case dismissed, then re-offend, knowing the prosecution clock will start anew. It is proposed that building and zoning administrators and/or City law enforcement officers be given power to issue citations for reoccurring exterior sanitation/common nuisance violations (including, but not limited to, trash/rubbish, overgrown weeds/grass, junked or otherwise unlawfully situated motor vehicles, maintenance of vacant structures, broken windows or glass, failure to maintain sidewalks and driveways) at the site of the violation and at the time the violation is recognized, similar to the manner in which traffic citations are issued.

3. Allow Mayor and City Council to determine Requirements for Municipal Boards, Commissions, and Authorities required by WV State Code (Administrative) Currently, the City has had several individuals that had to be removed from very successful Boards and Commissions due to a residency requirement. The City is asking that the Mayor and City Council be left to determine these affairs. In small cities and rural America a large portion of the population that consistently interacts within a city often live on the outskirts of city limits, but have a large stake in city affairs. The City finds it concerning that these individuals be solely judged on whether they are residents of the city and not their desire to make their City a better place.

4. Reducing or Eliminating Certain B&O Tax Categories and Adding the 1% Municipal Sale Tax (Taxing) Currently, the City of Ravenswood collects various categories of B&O Tax at various rates (see attached Figure 1.1), it’s the City of Ravenswood’s position that reducing certain B&O Tax Categories (Figure 1.2) may help the growth of startups and various businesses within city limits by reducing overall tax liability and increasing revenue for various businesses. This will allow businesses to hire more workers and allowing business to be more competitive in the marketplace. Given that the City of Ravenswood is in the “Opportunity Zone”, which allows for various tax incentives related to investment, we believe this additional revenue will be reinvested in our community and will create further growth within our city limits. It’s also the City of Ravenswood’s position that the addition of the 1% Municipal Sales Tax will allow for the City of Ravenswood to increase revenue to put towards special projects such as continued improvements to city streets and sidewalks, continued water and sewer infrastructure improvements, city fleet upgrades, and the design and construction of a modern commercial riverfront boardwalk and marina which will increase commerce and continue to help grow our city by attracting new investment and tourism.
## CITY OF RAVENSWOOD

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212 Walnut St.
Ravenswood, WV 26164

ALL QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED

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LINE CODE EXEMPTIONS DESCRIPTION
1 GROSS TAX (from schedule A) $                  
2 PENALTY ADD: Penalty of 5% for first month or fraction thereof, and 1% for each succeeding month or fraction thereof of delinquency. 
3 TOTAL DUE 
4 TOTAL REMITTANCE

FAILURE TO COMPLETE THE WORKSHEET WILL RESULT IN THE TAX STATEMENT BEING RETURNED TO A RESULT, PENALTY AND INTEREST MAY APPLY. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING ANY PORTIONS OF THIS RETURN, PLEASE CALL 304-273-2621.
City of Ravenswood  
Common Council Minutes  
July 2, 2019

Call to Order

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ATTEST:

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Approved by:

Clerk/Treasurer Kimberly Benson  
Mayor Josh Miller
City of Ravenswood
Common Council Minutes
July 2, 2019

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Pledge of Allegiance of the United States of America.
Mayor Josh Miller led the pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call
Mayor Miller conducted a roll call. The following members were present Recorder Jared Bloxton, Councilors Nicholas Fox, Dee Scritchfield, Steve Tucker, Attorney Steve Cogar and City Clerk Kimberly Benson Absent Amanda Slaven, Denise Toler

Consent Agenda
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Public Forum
None

Business
a. Recorder Bloxton moved to approve the new hiring of Ryan Abel to the Ravenswood Police Department Second by Councilor Fox all members voting Yes Motion Approved.
b. Public Hearing Home Rule Application None
c. Recorder Bloxton moved to approve the Home Rule Application Second by Councilor Scritchfield all members voting Yes Motion Approved.

Next Meeting July 9, 2019 5:00 p.m.

Adjournment
Mayor Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:19 via a motion from Councilor Tucker and Second by Councilor Fox that passed unanimously. Submitted by:

Approved by:

Clerk/Treasurer Kimberly Benson
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The City of Ravenswood
212 Walnut Street
Ravenswood, WV 26164

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City Clerk Treasurer
NEW ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO MAKE APPLICATION TO THE MUNICIPAL HOME RULE BOARD FOR THE CITY OF RAVENSWOOD TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MUNICIPAL HOME RULE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Ravenswood is seeking to improve the City’s economic, social, and cultural prospects, and in general enhance the quality of life of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council finds that the City faces challenges delivering services required by federal and state law and/or demanded by their constituents; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council further finds that the City is sometimes restrained by state statutes, policies, and rules that challenge its ability to carry out its duties and responsibilities in a cost-effective, efficient, and timely manner; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council further finds that participating in the Municipal Home Rule Program is in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to W. Va. Code §8-1-5a(a)(7)(b), which was effective on June 7, 2019, the West Virginia Legislature granted the Municipal Home Rule Program permanent status; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ravenswood’s participation in the Municipal Home Rule Program would allow the City the reasonable legal flexibility to efficiently, effectively, and responsibly pursue and achieve the goals set forth in the City’s Home Rule Plan; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RAVENSWOOD THAT CHAPTER 37 OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES, WHICH WAS PREVIOUSLY RESERVED, SHALL BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

CHAPTER 37: MUNICIPAL HOME RULE

§ 37.01 MAYOR AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO SUBMIT APPLICATION AND PLAN

(A) The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to complete and submit, consistent with the form of the Home Rule Plan attached hereto and otherwise in accordance with the provisions of the W. Va. Code §8-1-5a et. seq., a formal application and proposed Home Rule Plan to the Municipal Home Rule Board requesting its consideration and approval to allow the City of Ravenswood to participate in the Municipal Home Rule Program. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption following its second reading.
Statutory reference: For provisions concerning the authority of the City to participate in Municipal Home Rule, see W. Va. Code §8-1-5a et. seq.

(New Ord. passed: 07-02-2019)

The foregoing Ordinance was introduced and read at the regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Ravenswood on June 18, 2019. A public hearing was held by the Common Council on July 2, 2019, following the publication of a Class II Legal Advertisement in conformity to W. Va. Code §8-1-5a(g)(1)-(4), and W. Va. Code §59-3-1 et. seq. On the 2nd day of July, 2019, after the second reading of said Ordinance, _Bloxton___ moved for the adoption of said Ordinance and authorization for the Honorable Josh Miller, Mayor of the City of Ravenswood, to sign said Ordinance. The motion was seconded by _Sc Ritchfield__. After discussion, the Common Council of the City of Ravenswood adopted the foregoing Ordinance and authorization with all present voting for the Ordinance and authorization and none against.

CITY OF RAVENSWOOD

By: ________________________

Josh Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jared Bloxton, Recorder

I, the undersigned, being the duly appointed, qualified and acting Clerk of the City of Ravenswood, hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance is a true, correct and accurate copy as duly and lawfully passed and adopted by the governing body of the City on the 2nd day of July, 2019.

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Kimberly Benson, City Clerk/Treasurer
City of Ravenswood
Common Council Minutes
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