

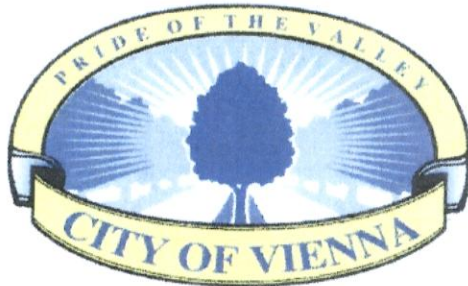
# City of Vienna

## Home Rule Pilot Application



## Council Members

Mayor Randy Rapp, Roger Bibbee, Jim Miracle,  
Bruce Rogers, Paul Thornton, Steve Stephens,  
Recorder Cathy Smith, and City Attorney Russell Skogstad



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WV Municipal Home Rule Board  
C/O Debbie Browning  
WV Development Office  
WV Home Rule Pilot Program  
State Capitol Complex Bldg 6, Room 553  
Charleston, WV 25305-0311

Dear Board Members:

As Mayor of the City of Vienna I would like to formally and humbly request approval into the WV Home Rule Pilot Program Phase II. The Vienna City Council recently voted unanimously to apply for admission. We believe it offers the City of Vienna the opportunity to better serve our citizens and continue the growth of our city.

During this process we held two public meetings to discuss the items being submitted within this application. One meeting was for the general public and the other was with members of our business community. Both groups are very supportive of the plan. This plan would allow us to maintain the quality of our neighborhoods, solidify the funding of our pension plan, and improve the aging infrastructure throughout the city.

There are three retail centers in Wood County – Vienna, Parkersburg, and Williamstown. Williamstown currently has a 1% sales tax and the City of Parkersburg is applying to add a 1% sales tax. If Vienna is approved it would bring consistency within the county and be less confusing to consumers.

Thank you for your time and dedication to this task. I believe that this program is imperative for the growth of all cities in our wonderful state and I look forward to implementing it in the City of Vienna.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Randall C. Rapp".

Randall C. Rapp, Mayor