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City of Fairmont Selected for the Home Rule Pilot Program  
*Fairmont among 16 new cities accepted into the Home Rule program*

FAIRMONT, WV- October 6, 2014- The West Virginia Municipal Home Rule Board today announced 16 additional municipalities have been selected for West Virginia's Home Rule Pilot Program. The City of Fairmont will join Bluefield, Buckhannon, Charles Town, Clarksburg, Dunbar, Martinsburg, Milton, Morgantown, Nitro, Parkersburg, Ranson, Shinnston, South Charleston, Vienna, and Weirton as the new Home Rule cities; and the original pilot cities of Bridgeport, Charleston, Huntington, and Wheeling.

"Fairmont being selected for the Home Rule Pilot Program is wonderful news to receive this morning. The process to get into the program was a large group effort and we feel honored that the Home Rule Board sees the same vision for progress in Fairmont as we do," said Mayor Ron Straight.

Fairmont, as well as the other 16 cities added to the program, will be required to enact city ordinances based upon their individual application proposals. When the plan is ready to move forward, each city is required to provide at least 30 days notice prior to a Public Hearing. The ordinances also have to be made available for public inspection 30 days prior to any Public Hearing. The Municipal Home Rule Board must also approve all ordinances that are proposed before any action can be taken by City Council.

"Being accepted into this program allows the City to address local issues at a local level. There is more work to be done, but we are very grateful to be selected by the Home Rule Board today," City Manager Jay Rogers said.

Fairmont's Home Rule Application can be viewed online at: <http://bit.ly/1IOBFfi>.

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