

# City of West Seattle Records, 1902-1910

## Overview of the Collection

<b>Creator</b>	West Seattle (Wash.)
<b>Title</b>	City of West Seattle Records
<b>Dates</b>	1902-1910 (inclusive) 1902 1910
<b>Quantity</b>	2.4 cubic ft., ((4 boxes and 3 volumes))
<b>Collection Number</b>	9190
<b>Summary</b>	Records of the City of West Seattle, including City Council minutes, ordinances, and City Clerk's files.
<b>Repository</b>	<a href="#">Seattle Municipal Archives</a> Seattle Municipal Archives Office of the City Clerk City of Seattle PO Box 94728 98124-4728 Seattle, WA Telephone: 206-233-7807 Fax: 206-386-9025 <a href="mailto:archives@seattle.gov">archives@seattle.gov</a>
<b>Access Restrictions</b>	Records are open to the public.
<b>Languages</b>	English
<b>Sponsor</b>	Funding for encoding this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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## Historical Note

Incorporated in April 1902, the Town of West Seattle established a five-member Town Council, with annual elections held on the first Tuesday in December. West Seattle's population grew rapidly, and in June 1904, the town advanced to city of the third class status. In 1904, 1905, and 1907, West Seattle annexed large portions of the surrounding territory, including the districts of Spring Hill, Riverside, Alki Point, and Youngstown.

West Seattle granted franchises to independent, private companies for the extension of vital services to the city including electric lights and power, street railways, telephone services, and water supply. The need for improved public services led to the movement for annexation to the City of Seattle. In June 1907, the voters of West Seattle voted 325 in favor and 8 opposed for annexation. West Seattle was physically the largest of the cities and towns to be annexed by the City of Seattle, encompassing an area of 16.24 square miles.

## Other Descriptive Information

### Mayors of West Seattle

George B. Nicoll, 1902-1905

Emil de Neuf, 1906

Lewis C. Erven, 1907

## Content Description

City of West Seattle records, 1902-1910, include City Council minutes, ordinances, and City Clerk's files. The latter records include bids and proposals, correspondence, claims, contracts, petitions, resolutions, and reports of City officials.

## Use of the Collection

### Preferred Citation

[Item and date], City of West Seattle Records, Record Series 9190-[xx]. Box [number], Folder [number]. Seattle Municipal Archives.

## Administrative Information

### Arrangement

Records are arranged in three series:

Series I: Council Minutes (9190-01)

Series II: Ordinances (9190-02)

Series III: City Clerk's Files (9190-03)

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

The following section contains a detailed listing of the materials in the collection.

### Series I (9190-01): City Council Minutes, 1902-1907

2 volumes

Proceedings of the West Seattle City Council.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Volume		
1	Minutes	1902-1904

Container(s)	Description	Dates
2	Minutes	1905-1907

## Series II (9190-02): Ordinances, 1902-1907

1 volume

Ordinances passed by the West Seattle City Council.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Volume		
1	Ordinances 1-201	1902-1907

## Series III (9190-03): City Clerk's Files, 1902-1907

1.4 cubic ft.

Administrative records of West Seattle filed with the City Clerk. Includes contracts, bonds, correspondence, city officials' reports, franchises, oaths of office, petitions, resolutions, and bids and proposals.

Filed alphabetically by subject or record type.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/1	Bids and Proposals	1904-1906
1/2	Bills and Claims	1905-1906
1/3	Bills and Claims	1906
1/4	Bills and Claims	1906
1/5	Bills and Claims	1906-1907
1/6	Bills and Claims	1907
1/7	Bills and Claims	1907
1/8	Bills and Claims	1907
1/9	Bonds, Contract	1904

<b>Container(s)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
1/10	Bonds, Official	1902-1907
1/11	City Attorney Communications	1907
1/12	City Marshall's Reports	1902-1907
1/13	Clerk's Reports	1902-1906
1/14	Contracts	1904-1905
1/15	Correspondence, A-J	1902-1907
1/16	Correspondence, K-Z	1902-1907
1/17	Elections	1902-1907
1/18	Fire Department	1905-1907
1/19	Franchise, Street Railway	1903
1/20	Insurance Policies	1906
1/21	King County Auditor and Treasurer Statements	1902-1907
1/22	Land Improvement Districts: Bonds, Certificates, Reports	1906-1910
1/23	Mayor's Calls for Special Town Council Sessions	1902-1907
1/24	Notices of Special Elections	1904
1/25	Oaths of Office	1902-1907
1/26	Payroll	1905-1907
1/27	Petitions, Alterations of City Boundaries	1904-1906
1/28	Petitions, General	1903-1905
1/29	Petitions, Liquor and Saloons	1902-1903
1/30	Petitions, Protests/Demonstrations	1903-1906

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/31	Petitions, Street Improvements	1903-1907
1/32	Petitions, Street Railway	1906
1/33	Petitions, Telephone Service	1902-1907
1/34	Police Judge Reports	1907
1/35	Protests Against Street Improvements	1906
1/36	Resolutions and Ordinances	1902-1905
1/37	Street Improvement Estimates	1906
1/38	Superior Court Cases	1905-1907
1/39	Town Council Committee Reports and Recommendations	1904-1905
1/40	Town Council Committee Reports and Recommendations	1906-1907
1/41	Treasurer's Reports	1902-1907

## Names and Subjects

### Subject Terms :

Annexation (Municipal government)--Washington (State)--Seattle

City councils--Washington (State)--Seattle

Civic improvement--Washington (State)--Seattle

### Geographical Names :

Seattle (Wash.)--Politics and government

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### Form or Genre Terms :

Minutes

Ordinances

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