

# Town of South Park Records, 1902-1907

## Overview of the Collection

<b>Creator</b>	South Park (Wash.)
<b>Title</b>	Town of South Park Records
<b>Dates</b>	1902-1907 (inclusive) 1902 1907
<b>Quantity</b>	1.8 cubic ft., ((3 boxes and 2 volumes))
<b>Collection Number</b>	9174
<b>Summary</b>	Records of the Town of South Park, 1902-1907, including City Council minutes and ordinances.
<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

The Town of South Park was incorporated December 9, 1902 and the Town Council held its first meeting on December 23. South Park was served by three mayors in its four-and-one-half years of existence. These mayors were S.J. Bevan (1902-1903), G.C. Lingenfelter (1903-1905), and A.G. Breidenstein (1906-1907). Bevan resigned for unknown reasons after serving less than ten months.

South Park was plagued by problems in securing adequate city services. Particularly vexing was the inability to obtain a decent water supply. Although the City of Georgetown owned mains that ran through South Park, it refused to supply water to the latter, occasioning a bitter court battle over legal rights to the water. In 1905-1906, the town contracted with an independent water company, but in April 1906 the water was found to be contaminated because South Park did not have a sewer system. The Town Council petitioned Seattle to run Cedar River mains to the edge of the Town.

In October of 1906, the electorate voted 131-59 for annexation to Seattle, but apparently no action was taken beyond the vote. On March 23, 1907, a second vote for annexation was 181-36 in favor and on May 3, 1907, South Park became part of the City of Seattle.

## Content Description

The Town of South Park Records, 1902-1907, include City Council minutes, ordinances, contracts, bills and receipts, correspondence, town officials' reports, and petitions. Of particular interest are the records dealing with the issue of the town water supply.

## Use of the Collection

### Preferred Citation

[Item and date], Town of South Park Records, Record Series 9174-[xx]. Box [number], Folder [number]. Seattle Municipal Archives.

## Administrative Information

### Arrangement

The Town of South Park Records are arranged in three series:

Series I: City Council Minutes (9174-01)

Series II: Ordinances (9174-02)

Series III: City Clerk's Records (9174-03)

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

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

### Series I (9174-01): City Council Minutes

Proceedings of South Park City Council meetings.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Volume		
1	Minutes	1902-1907

### Series II (9174-02): Ordinances

Ordinances passed by the South Park City Council.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Volume		

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1	Ordinances	1903-1907

### Series III: City Clerk's Files (9174-03), 1902-1907

1.2 cubic ft.

Administrative records of South Park filed with the City Clerk. Materials include contracts, bonds, correspondence, city officials' reports, oaths of office, petitions, and tax statements. Records relate to local improvements, franchises, elections, and licensing of saloons and sporting exhibitions.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
<b>Box/Folder</b>		
1/1	Certificates of Nomination	1903-1906
1/2	City Contracts and Leases	1904-1906
1/3	City Council, Committee Reports	1905-1906
1/4	City Council, Resolutions and Amendments	1902-1906
1/5	Claims for Damages	1906
1/6	Claims, A	1903-1906
1/7	Claims, B	1903-1906
1/8	Claims, C-D	1905-1906
1/9	Claims, E-G	1903-1906
1/10	Claims, H-J	1904-1906
1/11	Claims, K-L	1903-1906
1/12	Claims, M-N	1903-1906
2/1	Claims, O-R	1903-1906
2/2	Claims, S	1903-1906
2/3	Claims, T-W	1903-1906

<b>Container(s)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
2/4	Contract Bonds	1904-1906
2/5	Correspondence, B-E	1904-1906
2/6	Correspondence, F-H	1903-1906
2/7	Correspondence, J-M	1904-1906
2/8	Correspondence, O-S	1903-1906
2/9	Correspondence, T-W	1903-1905
2/10	County (King) Auditor's Report	1906
2/11	Justice Court, Lawsuits	1905-1906
3/1	Marshall's Notices, Assessment Rolls	1906
3/2	Memoranda, Street and Water Improvements	1905-1906
3/3	Notices for Bids and Specifications	1904-1907
3/4	Oaths of Office	1903-1906
3/5	Official Bonds	1903-1906
3/6	Petitions, Annexation	1906
3/7	Petitions, Bonds for Liquor Licenses	1903-1907
3/8	Petitions, Boxing Exhibitions	1906
3/9	Petitions, Saloons	1905-1906
3/10	Petitions, Streets and Drainage Improvements	1904-1907
3/11	Petitions, Water System and Streetcars	1905-1907
3/12	Plat, Donovan Street and Valley Road	1902-1907
3/13	Tax Statements	1903-1907

Container(s)	Description	Dates
3/14	Treasurer's Reports	1904-1905

## Names and Subjects

### Subject Terms :

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

City councils--Washington (State)--Seattle

Sewerage--Washington (State)--Seattle

Water utilities--Washington (State)--Seattle

### Geographical Names :

South Park (Wash.)--Politics and government

### Form or Genre Terms :

Minutes

Ordinances

### Other Creators :

#### Corporate Names :

South Park (Wash.). City Council  
(creator)

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