

Board of Adjustment Annual Reports, 1957-1969

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Seattle (Wash.). City Clerk
Title	Board of Adjustment Annual Reports
Dates	1957-1969 (inclusive) 1957 1969
Quantity	.2 cubic foot, (1 box)
Collection Number	1802-F2
Summary	Annual reports of the Board of Adjustment, 1957-1968.
Repository	Seattle Municipal Archives 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 archives@seattle.gov
Access Restrictions	Records are open to the public.
Languages	English
Sponsor	Funding for encoding this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Historical Note

The Board of Adjustment was created in 1957 by the new Zoning Ordinance, which was based on a Comprehensive Plan for the City. It was a division of the City Planning commission and had power to hear, decide, and grant or deny applications for variances and conditional use permits. The Board had seven members, appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council; members served for up to three years. The Board began hearing zoning and variance appeals from decisions of the Hearing Examiner following the latter's creation in 1973. In 1980, application and appeal processes were consolidated in the Department of Construction and Land Use with development of the Master Use Permit system. The Board's functions were superseded and it was abolished in 1981 its "appellate functions" were transferred to the Office of the Hearing Examiner.

Content Description

The Board of Adjustment Annual Reports date from 1957 to 1968 and contain statistics on conditional use, variance, and special exception applications received and actions taken. Also included with each report is a narrative discussing the year's events, Board's suggestions to the Planning Commission, Board member appointments, organization charts, referrals from the Superintendent of Buildings,

number of hours worked by Board members, and other important issues. Most reports discuss the Board of Adjustment's role as a "leavening agent" which provided "needed flexibility" to the Zoning Ordinance; however, the importance of "careful and practical application of established Ordinance standards" is also stressed.

Use of the Collection

Preferred Citation

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Administrative Information

Arrangement

Annual reports are arranged chronologically by year.

Custodial History

Records were originally filed with the City Clerk in the Comptroller/Clerk's Files (CFs) and were removed to create this record series.

Detailed Description of the Collection

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

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Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box		
1	Board of Adjustment Annual Report	1957-1958
1	Board of Adjustment Annual Report	1959
1	Board of Adjustment Annual Report	1960
1	Board of Adjustment Annual Report	1961
1	Board of Adjustment Annual Report	1962
1	Board of Adjustment Annual Report	1963

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1	Board of Adjustment Annual Report	1964
1	Board of Adjustment Annual Report	1965
1	Board of Adjustment Annual Report	1966
1	Board of Adjustment Annual Report	1967
1	Board of Adjustment Annual Report	1968
1	Board of Adjustment Annual Report	1969

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Building permits--Washington (State)--Seattle

Building--Washington (State)--Seattle

City planning--Washington (State)--Seattle

Land use--Washington (State)--Seattle

Zoning boards--Washington (State)--Seattle

Zoning--Washington (State)--Seattle

Geographical Names :

Seattle (Wash.)--Politics and government

Form or Genre Terms :

Annual reports

Other Creators :

Corporate Names :

Seattle (Wash.). Board of Adjustment
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