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*Descriptive Inventory*

**MSS 276 BOWLING Green, Kentucky – City Council**

4 boxes. 28 folders. 28 items. 1948-1987. Originals.

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**ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY**

On 2 January 1882, the governor of Kentucky approved revisions to the charter of the City of Bowling Green (*Laws*, 1882, ch. 10). Legislative power was vested in a Board of Councilmen consisting of a mayor and four councilmen elected from each ward. After Bowling Green's population qualified it as a second-class city on 15 June 1950, a bicameral structure was established on 24 March 1952 with the creation of a four-man Board of Aldermen to share legislative responsibility with the Board of Councilmen. On 8 November 1966, voters approved the elimination of the bicameral body and its replacement with a city manager form of government consisting of a mayor and board of commissioners who direct the activities of the city manager and his subordinates. This change became effective on 1 January 1968.

**COLLECTION NOTE**

The collection consists of minutes of the regular bimonthly meetings and special called meetings of the Bowling Green Board of Councilmen from 5 January 1948 to 29 December 1967, the Board of Aldermen from 29 March 1955 to 29 December 1967 and (following the change to a city manager form of government), of the Board of Commissioners from 1 January 1968 to 15 December 1987. The minutes record matters of city business and government including passage of ordinances, annexations, purchases and sales of city property, city appointments and salaries, building permits, bond issues and rezonings.

**SHELF LIST**

<b>BOX 1</b>	<b>Board of Councilmen – Minutes</b>	<b>Jan. 5, 1948- Nov. 9, 1964</b>	<b>9 items</b>
Folder 1	Inventory		1 item

Folder 2	Minutes – Board of Councilmen Record Book #22	Jan. 5, 1948- June 20, 1949	1 item
Folder 3	Minutes – Board of Councilmen Record Book #23	July 4, 1949- Mar. 17, 1952	1 item
Folder 4	Minutes – Board of Councilmen Record Book #24	Mar. 24, 1952- Apr. 5, 1954	1 item
Folder 5	Minutes – Board of Councilmen Record Book #25	Apr. 9, 1954- Nov. 19, 1956	1 item
Folder 6	Minutes – Board of Councilmen Record Book #26	Dec. 3, 1956- Apr. 6, 1959	1 item
Folder 7	Minutes – Board of Councilmen Record Book #27	Apr. 20, 1959- July 3, 1961	1 item
Folder 8	Minutes – Board of Councilmen Record Book #28	July 17, 1961- June 17, 1963	1 item
Folder 9	Minutes – Board of Councilmen Record Book #29	July 1, 1963- Nov. 9, 1964	1 item
<b>BOX 2</b>	<b>Board of Councilmen – Minutes; Board of Commissioners – Minutes</b>	<b>Nov. 16, 1964- Sept. 19, 1977</b>	<b>7 items</b>
Folder 1	Minutes – Board of Councilmen Record Book #30	Nov. 16, 1964- Dec. 19, 1966	1 item
Folder 2	Minutes – Board of Councilmen Record Book #31	Jan. 3, 1967- Dec. 29, 1967	1 item
Folder 3	Minutes – Board of Commissioners Vol. 1, Book 1	Jan. 1, 1968- June 30, 1969	1 item
Folder 4	Minutes – Board of Commissioners Vol. 1, Book 2	July 1, 1969- Dec. 31, 1971	1 item
Folder 5	Minutes – Board of Commissioners Vol. 1, Book 3	Jan. 4, 1972- June 21, 1974	1 item
Folder 6	Minutes – Board of Commissioners Vol. 1, Book 4	July 2, 1974- Dec. 29, 1975	1 item

Folder 7	Minutes – Board of Commissioners Vol. 2, Book 1	Jan. 6, 1976- Sept. 19, 1977	1 item
<b>BOX 3</b>	<b>Board of Commissioners – Minutes</b>	<b>Sept. 27, 1977- Dec. 15, 1987</b>	<b>7 items</b>
Folder 1	Minutes – Board of Commissioners Vol. 2, Book 2	Sept. 27, 1977- Dec. 19, 1978	1 item
Folder 2	Minutes – Board of Commissioners Vol. 2, Book 3	Jan. 2, 1979- Dec. 18, 1979	1 item
Folder 3	Minutes – Board of Commissioners Vol. 3, Book 1	Jan. 8, 1980- Dec. 19, 1980	1 item
Folder 4	Minutes – Board of Commissioners Vol. 3, Book 2	Jan. 6, 1981- June 22, 1982	1 item
Folder 5	Minutes – Board of Commissioners	July 6, 1982- Dec. 20, 1983	1 item
Folder 6	Minutes – Board of Commissioners	Jan. 10, 1984- Dec. 19, 1985	1 item
Folder 7	Minutes – Board of Commissioners	Jan. 1, 1986- Dec. 15, 1987	1 item
<b>Box 4</b>	<b>Board of Aldermen – Minutes</b>	<b>Mar. 21, 1955- Dec. 29, 1967</b>	<b>5 items</b>
Folder 1	Minutes – Board of Aldermen Book #2	Mar. 21, 1955- Nov. 3, 1958	1 item
Folder 2	Minutes – Board of Aldermen Book #3	Nov. 17, 1958- Apr. 16, 1962	1 item
Folder 3	Minutes – Board of Aldermen Book #4	May 7, 1962- Dec. 21, 1964	1 item
Folder 4	Minutes – Board of Aldermen Book #5	Jan. 4, 1965- Dec. 19, 1966	1 item
Folder 5	Minutes – Board of Aldermen Book #6	Jan. 3, 1967- Dec. 29, 1967	1 item

## **BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD**

MSS BOWLING Green, Kentucky – 1948-1987  
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Minute books of Bowling Green, Kentucky  
Board of Councilmen (1948-1967), Board of  
Aldermen (1955-1967), and Board of Commissioners  
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## **SUBJECT ANALYTICS**

Bowling Green – History  
Bowling Green – Local government  
Bowling Green – Municipal government  
Ordinances – Municipal – Kentucky – Bowling Green

## **SEE and SEE ALSO**

Bowling Green – Board of Aldermen  
See:  
Bowling Green, Kentucky – City Council

Bowling Green – Board of Commissioners  
See:  
Bowling Green, Kentucky – City Council

Bowling Green – Board of Councilmen  
See:  
Bowling Green, Kentucky – City Council

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