



## Fair Housing Ordinance (Columbia, Mo.) Collection (C2550)

**Collection Number:** C2550

**Collection Title:** Fair Housing Ordinance (Columbia, Mo.) Collection

**Dates:** 1967-1972, 2018

**Creators:** City of Columbia  
Tinsley, Ellen L., collector

**Abstract:** Newspaper clippings and miscellaneous material pertaining to the Fair Housing Ordinance in Columbia, Missouri. Includes the video “Our Journey to Fair Housing,” created by the City of Columbia in 2018, as well as the raw interview footage.

**Collection Size:** 0.05 cubic feet, 47.5 GB of digital files, 1 DVD, 1 oversize item  
(4 folders)

**Language:** Collection materials are in English.

**Repository:** The State Historical Society of Missouri

**Restrictions on Access:** Collection is open for research. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Columbia](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at [columbia@shsmo.org](mailto:columbia@shsmo.org). Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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**Donor Information:** The collection was donated to the University of Missouri by Ellen L. Tinsley on April 4, 1968 (Accession No. CA3754). Additions were made by the City of Columbia through Rose Wibbenmeyer on April 27, 2022 (Accession No. CA3754.01) and through Jeff Rogers on May 18, 2022 (Accession No. CA3754.02).

**Related Materials:** Additional materials related to the Fair Housing Ordinance (Columbia, Mo.) Collection can be found in the following collections:

[Black Jack, Missouri, Housing Controversy Collection](#), (S0007)

[Columbia Council on Religion and Race \(Columbia, Mo.\) Records](#), (C3841)

[Housing Authority of the City of Columbia \(Mo.\) Records](#), (CA6359)

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### Historical Note:

In January 1968, the City Council passed a fair housing ordinance to be voted on by the citizens of Columbia, Missouri. The ordinance was designed to ban discriminatory practices in housing. The ordinance failed to pass by 812 votes on March 19, 1968. The following month, President Lyndon Johnson enacted the federal Fair Housing Act of 1968.

### Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged by type of material.

### Scope and Content Note:

The collection contains newspaper clippings, along with correspondence and miscellaneous material pertaining to the fair housing ordinance that was voted on in Columbia, Missouri, in March 1968. The collection also includes a video created by the City of Columbia for the 50th anniversary of the enactment of the federal Fair Housing Act on April 11, 1968.

### Container List:

f. 1	Correspondence and miscellaneous material, 1968
f. 2-4	Newspaper clippings, 1967-1968
b.d.f. 1a-d	Raw interview footage for "Our Journey to Fair Housing," 2018 (14 mp4s)
DVD 1	"Our Journey to Fair Housing," City of Columbia, 2018 <b>[Backed up in Digital Repository]</b>
Item #1	Street map of Columbia, Missouri, showing wards, 1972 (copy—oversize)

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