



## **Florissant, Missouri City Council Ordinance and Council Minute Books (S0013)**

**Collection Number:** S0013

**Collection Title:** Florissant, Missouri City Council Ordinance and Council Minute Books

**Dates:** 1857-1973

**Creator:** Florissant (Mo.)

**Abstract:** The collection contains ordinances and meeting minutes relating to the City of Florissant, Missouri and its operations. The city was founded in 1785 and is one of the oldest settlements in Missouri. The minute books include copies of official correspondence, council rosters, budgets, resolutions, certificates of appointments, and maps.

**Collection Size:** 0.3 cubic foot  
(32 volumes, 9 rolls)

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

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

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**Historical Note:**

Florissant was established as a village in 1786 under Francois Dunegat dit Beausosier, the civil and military commandant during the entire Spanish regime. It is one of the oldest settlements in Missouri, having first been settled around the same time as St. Louis. The majority of early settlers were of Canadian descent, with French the recognized language of the village. Old St. Ferdinand's Church was built in 1789. In 1829, Florissant became an incorporated town and in 1857, the Missouri Legislature granted a city charter with the corporate title of the City of St. Ferdinand. The popular use of Florissant persisted, however, and in 1939, the citizens voted officially to change the name to the City of Florissant, Missouri.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged into the following two series:

Ordinances and Council Meeting Minutes  
Council Meeting Minutes

**Scope and Content Note:**

The records contain ordinances and meeting minutes books which include copies of official correspondence, council rosters, budgets, resolutions, certificates of appointments, and maps. Ordinance Books indicate bill numbers. The records are divided into two series: Ordinances, 1857-1878 and 1901-1965, and Council Meeting Minutes Books, 1878-1973. Ordinances from 1965 are included in the Council Meeting Minutes Books. Ordinances are found in rolls 1, 2, & 3; and Minute Books in rolls 1, and 4-9.

**Ordinances and Council Meeting Minutes**

This series contains ordinances related to city codes established throughout the middle-to-late 1800s and early-to-middle 1900s. The ordinances include papers on incorporation and city zoning, among others. Also included are early meeting minute books. The materials in this series date from 1857 to 1878 and 1901 to 1965 and are arranged chronologically.

**Council Meeting Minutes Books**

This series consists of materials pertaining to city council's meeting minutes. Included in the meeting minutes are correspondence, council rosters, budgets, resolutions, certificates of appointment, and maps. The materials in this series date from 1878 to 1973 and are arranged chronologically.

**Container List:**

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Roll 001	Vol. 1      Ordinances No. 1-61, February 11, 1857 to July 27, 1878 (115 pages), including Act of Incorporation (page 5)
	Vol. 2      Council meeting minutes book, November 25, 1872 to October 5, 1878 (183 pages)

	Vol. 3	Council Minute Book, November 26, 1878 to March 15, 1890 (250 pages); Council Roster, 1883-1888 (page 256)
	Vol. 4	Council Minute Book, April 3, 1890 to April 4, 1901 (349 pages); Council Rosters, 1890-1901 (pages i-iii).
	Vol. 5	Council Minute Book, April 4, 1901 to March 20, 1911 (292 pages); Council Rosters, 1901-1906 (page 1).
Roll 002	Vol. 6	Ordinances No. 18-97, April 4, 1901 to July 1935 (181 pages).
	Vol. 7	Ordinances No. 98-306, July 27, 1935 to November 6, 1950 (500 pages); including zoning map, 1940 (page 137).
	Vol. 8	Ordinances No. 307-599, November 13, 1950 to January 9, 1956 (500 pages).
	Vol. 9	Ordinances No. 600-903, January 9, 1956 to February 9, 1959 (500 pages).
	Vol. 10	Ordinances No. 903-968, February 9, 1959 to June 15, 1959 (pages 1-149); continued on Roll 3.
Roll 003	Vol. 10	Ordinances No. 969-1164, June 15, 1959 to May 8, 1961 (pages 146-496).
	Vol. 11	Ordinances No. 1164-1362, May 8, 1961 to November 25, 1963 (500 pages).
	Vol. 12	Ordinances No. 1362-1576, November 25, 1963 to August 9, 1965 (500 pages).
	Vol. 13-31	Council Meeting Minutes
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	Vol. 14	Minute Book, May 31, 1924 to October 14, 1940 (499 pages); including act to change the name to City of Florissant (page 4)
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	Vol. 17	Minute Book, April 27, 1953 to January 30, 1956 (499 pages).
	Vol. 18	Minute Book, February 13, 1956 to June 9, 1958 (500 pages).
	Vol. 19	Minute Book, June 9, 1958 to December 14, 1959 (pages 1-376). Continued on Roll 6.
Roll 006	Vol. 19	Minute Book, December 14, 1959 to January 11, 1960 (pages 378-419).
	Vol. 20	Minute Book, April 11, 1960 to February 13, 1962 (500 pages).
	Vol. 21	Minute Book, February 13, 1962 to December 9, 1963 (496 pages).
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	Vol. 28	Minute Book, October 26, 1970 to September 13, 1971 (302 pages).
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