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The University of Missouri-St. Louis Public Policy Center Library on St. Louis Collection contains reports and studies chronicling state and local government formation, growth, and evolution in Missouri and the St. Louis Metropolitan Area. The bulk of the collection focuses on creating and adopting the Missouri Constitution of 1945 and its provision permitting constitutional charter cities in Missouri, which the framers adopted to enhance self-governing powers in cities and municipalities. As a result, numerous communities drafted charters, including Webster Groves, Bridgeton, and University City. For example, the collection includes the proposed charter for Webster Groves published in 1954, which proposed the Council-Manager form of government, wherein the City Council passed legislation, and the City Manager implemented the Council's decisions (voters approved the charter on March 23, 1954).

Also included in the collection are reports on schools, employment, and housing in the St. Louis Metropolitan Area. An example is a report published by the East-West Gateway Coordinating Council in 1970 titled *Housing Conditions, Needs, and Programs in the City of St. Louis* that identified housing needs and conditions in St. Louis City, the community programs that worked to resolve housing issues and obstacles to improving housing during this era. The materials in this collection area are arranged chronologically, dating from 1940 to 1983.

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