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## **Toledo City Council Records, 1837-1952**

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## Summary Information

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## Biographical / Historical

The Toledo City Council has been the governing body of the city of Toledo, Ohio since 1914. Prior to that there was a bicameral council consisting of the Board of Aldermen and the Common Council between 1874 and 1903. Originally just the Common Council existed in 1837. Typically city government changes from bicameral to unicameral legislatures as a cost cutting strategy.

The Common Council proposes bills, holds votes and passes laws to help govern the city much like the federal legislative system. The original Common Council members were: Junius Flagg, Jamie S. Way, Elijah Porter for the North East Ward, and George B. Way, Stephen B. Comstock, Samuel R. Bradley for the South East Ward (Belford).

Aldermen represent a specific ward or section of a city. They also serve on committees of larger projects; in 1883 there were twenty-one committees: Claims and Accounts, Ways and Means, Streets, Health and Hospital, Judiciary, Harbor and Commerce, Infirmary, Parks Canal Beds and Pounds, Water Supply and

Water Works, Sewers, Gas, Printing, Education and University, Police, Cemetery, Fire Department, Bridges, House of Refuge and Correction, Work House, Markets and Market Houses, and Buildings.

The first Aldermen in 1874 were: Frederick Dodge, James H. Maples, Robert J Wallace, Frank j. Sting, Daniel Segur, Exle Hamilton, Jacob Romeis, and Patrick Owens.

Works Cited:

Belford, Irvin, and Charles T. Lewis. *The Municipal Code of the City of Toledo, Comprising the General Ordinances and Special Ordinances of General Interest, Together with an Appendix, Containing the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Aldermen, the Board of Councilmen, and the Board of Water Works, and Other Matters of Public Interest.* Toledo, O.: Spear, Johnson, 1885. Print.

## **Scope and Contents**

The Toledo City Records collection mostly consists of meeting minutes from the Board of Aldermen between 1874 and 1903, the Common Council between 1837 and 1905, and Joint Committee of Alderman and Council between 1874 and 1903.

There are also letter books from the Clerk of Council from 1906 to 1925. There are five volumes of the Toledo Municipal Code from 1919 from the Committee of Publicity and Efficiency and two boxes from 1952. There are several bound books regarding gas/electric and lighting assessments, improvements, ordinances, and resolutions.

This collection is an invaluable resource on the development and history of the city of Toledo. Of particular note are the Articles of Incorporation for the city of Toledo from 1837; this important founding document for the city can be found in Volume A of the City Council Meeting Minutes.

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## Related Materials

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### Collection Inventory

Board of Aldermen, 1872-1903

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Meeting Minutes, Volume B, 1877-1882

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Meeting Minutes, Volume C, 1882-1887

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Meeting Minutes, Volume D, 1887-1892

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Meeting Minutes, Volume G, 1898-1900

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Meeting Minutes, Volume H, 1900-1902

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Meeting Minutes, Volume I, 1902-1903

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City Council, 1906-1925

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Clerk of Council, 1906-1925

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Letter Books, 1906-1907

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Letter Books, 1908-1910

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Letter Books, 1916-1917

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Letter Books, 1913-1915

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Letter Books, 1923-1935

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Letter Books, 1915-1916

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Letter Books, 1925

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City Council, 1837-1950

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Meeting Minutes, Volume B, 1846-1851

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Meeting Minutes, Volume C, 1851-1855

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Meeting Minutes, Volume D, 1855-1858

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Meeting Minutes, Volume E, 1858-1862

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Meeting Minutes, Volume F, 1862-1866

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Meeting Minutes, Volume G, 1866-1867

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Meeting Minutes, Volume H, 1867-1869

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Meeting Minutes, Volume U, 1899-1901

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Proceedings, 1950

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Committee of Publicity and Efficiency, 1919

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Toledo Municipal Code , 1919

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Gas/Electric Lighting, 1854-1949

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Resolutions C, 1928-1948

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Joint Committee of Aldermen and Council, 1874-1903

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Meeting Minutes, A, 1874-1899

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Meeting Minutes, B, 1899-1903

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Local Ohio Centennial Commission Minutes, 1897-1902

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Map of Port of Toledo, 1947

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