

1121-023-GSM-gau (USMARC)

City of Savannah Municipal Archives, Savannah, Georgia [GSG (OCLC/LYRASIS)]

Record Series #: 1121-023

Name: Codes of Savannah

Dates: 1854-2003, no date

Extent/Size: 64 volumes, 4 records carton (5 cubic feet)

Language: English

Scope & Content:

The historic Codes of Savannah books include 64 volumes, containing the current City charter, statutes and ordinances governing the City of Savannah. Annual supplements and cumulative volumes are included. City Ordinances passed by City Council are recorded in the Ordinance Books in the Clerk of Council's Office. Periodically, the City publishes all the ordinances on the books at a given point of time, as well as the current City Charter, as the City Code. The Municipal Archives retains copies of Savannah's historical City Code books. The earliest published City Code dates from 1854 and includes City ordinances regulating the activities of enslaved individuals and free persons of color, as well as laws pertaining to the public market, the scavenger department, and more.

Voided sections started with the code published in 1976. These sections are revised, and/or repealed ordinances removed from the original code book to update the books periodically. The voided sections are vital to seeing the changes made over time to the originally published Codes of Savannah.

System of Arrangement & Ordering:

Historic codes of Savannah are available for browsing in the History Room by appointment with the Municipal Archives. Some volumes are fragile, and users will be required to access the online digitized volumes. All volumes, prior to 2025, were separated under two different collections, formerly known as Record Series 0120-023 Code of Savannah books (historic duplicates) and Record Series 5600CL-340 City Ordinances and Code of Savannah Books. All volumes have been consolidated into one collection to provide clarity. The volumes are arranged chronologically.

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None

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Digital Access:

The historic Savannah City Code Books are available online here,

<https://www.savannahga.gov/3293/Savannah-City-Code-Books>. The current City Code is available online through the Clerk of Council’s Office here,

<https://online.encodeplus.com/regs/savannah-ga/>.

Access Points:

Georgia – Savannah

Ordinances, Municipal

Related Collections:

Record Series 5600CL, City of Savannah, Georgia Records – Clerk of Council, City of Savannah Municipal Archives, Savannah, Georgia.

Record Series 5600CL-A-COC, City of Savannah, Georgia Records – Clerk of Council – Addenda in Clerk of Council’s Office, Savannah, Georgia.

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Inventory:

Location

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History Room

1854

1858

1871

1871 Supplement

1871 Supplement with added pages

1888

1888 Supplement

1907

1907 Supplement

1918

1918 Supplement Volume 1

1918 Supplement Volume 2

1936 Supplement to 1918

1936 Supplement to 1918 with added pages

1945

1958

1958 Supplement

1976

1976 Supplement Volume 1

1976 Supplement Volume 2

1980 Supplement to 1976, Traffic Ordinance Appendix

1976 Voided Sections Volume 1

1976 Voided Sections Volume 2

1976 Voided Sections Volume 3

1976 Voided Sections Volume 4

1976 Voided Sections Volume 5

2003

2003 Supplement

2003 Voided Sections Volume 1

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1907, two copies

1907, City Treasurer's copy with annotations, May 11, 1907 [fragile]

1907 supplement, two copies

1918, two copies

1918, A. S. Goebel, Engineer's Office copy, 1937

1918, Board of Tax Assessors copy, with annotations and inserts, October 16, 1918

1936 Supplement to 1918, two copies

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1854, two copies

1854, William Henry Bradley's copy, June 1867

1871 Port Warden's copy, no date [fragile]

1871 supplement, two copies

1888, two copies

1888, Supreme Court Library presented to Georgia State Library copy, no date

1936 supplement to 1918, W. H. Robertson's copy, Park and Tree Superintendent, no date

1936 supplement to 1918, Roy S. Carr's copy, no date

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1945, two copies

1945, Marshal's Office copy, with annotations and inserts, no date

1945, Office of Traffic Engineer copy, with annotations, no date

1945, unknown annotations, no date

1976 Supplement Volume 1

1976 Supplement Volume 2

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1918 Supplement Volume 1, two copies

1958 Supplement, Assistant City Manager's copy, no date

2003, two copies