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Historical Note:

The Charter Study Commission was authorized by Roanoke City Council in June 1961 to study the City Charter and report on suggested changes to it by November 1, 1961.

Members of the committee were: A. A. Akers, Mrs. Emmett R. Albergotti, E. Griffith Dodson Jr., Earl A. Fitzpatrick, Robert A. Garland, John W. Hancock Jr., James P. Hart Jr., Harold N. Hoback, Edward H. Scott, English Showalter, James L. Trinkle, Earle J. Wentz Jr., Gordon C. Willis, Robert W. Woody, Chairman.

Scope and Content:

The collection includes information gathered by the commission, its meeting minutes, and drafts of its report to city council. Meeting minutes cover August through November 1961. Background information includes: the existing Roanoke City charter as well as those of a few other cities; information from the National Municipal League about city charters; and on topics of particular concern—real estate assessment, “quadrant” voting, and school funding. The collection also includes correspondence received from city officials and the public regarding concerns to be addressed in the charter review.

Container List:

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Folder 1: Roanoke City Charter

Folder 2: City of Roanoke Departmental Chart

Folder 3: Commission Member Qualification Certifications

Folder 4: Correspondence to Robert W. Woody — includes copy of resolution establishing the Charter Study Commission

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- Folder 9: Comments from City Attorney, R. G. Whittle
- Folder 10: Assessment of Real Estate Information
- Folder 11: Quadrant Voting Information
- Folder 12: Final Report Drafts — manuscript and typescript with edits
- Folder 13: City Charter, Lynchburg, Virginia
- Folder 14: City Charter, Greensboro, North Carolina
- Folder 15: City Charter, Winston-Salem, North Carolina
- Folder 16: School Funding Information — provided by Virginia Education Association
- Folder 17: City Charter Information — provided by National Municipal League