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**TITLE:** Anchorage Incorporation Documents

**COLLECTION NUMBER:** B2012.019

**OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION**

Dates: 1920

Extent: 3 items

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): United States. District Court (Alaska : Third Division)

**Administrative/Biographical History:**

In 1914, the federal government began construction of a railroad from Seward, Alaska, to Fairbanks. The headquarters of the Alaskan Engineering Commission was established at Anchorage, and, by July of 1915, thousands workers had poured into the area, erecting a tent city along Ship Creek. A land auction was held and approximately 655 lots were sold. A month later, the town voted to call itself Alaska City, but the federal government refused to change its name from Anchorage.<sup>1</sup> The City of Anchorage was incorporated on Nov. 23, 1920.

**Scope and Content Description:**

The collection consists of three documents pertaining to the incorporation of the town of Anchorage, Alaska.

Arrangement: Not applicable

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<sup>1</sup> "Anchorage." *Community Database Online*, accessed July 31, 2012.

[http://www.commerce.state.ak.us/dca/commdb/CF\\_BLOCK.cfm?Comm\\_Boro\\_Name=Anchorage&Data\\_Type=generalOverview&submit2=GetData](http://www.commerce.state.ak.us/dca/commdb/CF_BLOCK.cfm?Comm_Boro_Name=Anchorage&Data_Type=generalOverview&submit2=GetData)

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**ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Found in collection, July 2012. Likely transferred from city department prior to 2008.

Processing Notes

Documents brittle. Ordinance No. 1 has multiple tape repairs and has been mounted on acidic paper. Preservation scanning and paper conservation needed.

**RELATED MATERIALS**

**SUBJECTS**

Anchorage (Alaska)—Charters  
Anchorage (Alaska)—Politics and government  
Articles of incorporation

Detailed Description of the Collection

- In the District County for the Territory of Alaska, Third Division. In the matter of calling an election to determine whether the people of the community designated as the "City of Anchorage," Alaska, desire to be incorporated. Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September, A.D. 1920. [Signed] Fred M. Brown, Judge U.S. District Court. 4 pages

- In the District County for the Territory of Alaska, Third Division. In the matter of the incorporation of the town of Anchorage, Alaska. Order declaring the town of Anchorage to be an incorporated town under the name of the City of Anchorage. Dated at Valdez, Alaska, November 23, 1920. [Certified copy, issued 1935] 2 pages

- Ordinance No. 1. An ordinance to establish rules and regulations for the City of Anchorage, Alaska, for the Council, City officers, City government, and for other purposes. Approved by the president of the Common Council this 15th day of December A.D. 1920. [Signed] Leopold David. 12 pages

Guide written: July 31, 2012