

The next major change in the administration and regulation of zoning occurred in 1949 with establishment of the Department of Municipal and Zoning Appeals headed by the five-member BMZA. The BMZA assumed the functions and powers of the old Appeal Tax Court (RG5) and the Board of Zoning Appeals, both of which ceased to exist. The BMZA became the appellate body for zoning, tax, and condemnation appeals, and continues as such at the present time. The board hears and decides all pertinent appeals from the Department of Finance, Department of Public Works (RG47), state Department of Assessments, and other miscellaneous appeals.

Records Summary

These records are fairly complete and reflect much of the board's activities, as well as those of predecessor agencies. Topics dealt with include board meetings, appeals, zoning decisions, and legislation. Correspondence, minutes, reports, case files, drawings, and ordinances are present in significant amounts.

Note that only one series of the records described here is available at the archives. BMZA is required by law to maintain its records within its own office so as to make them available for public inspection. Only the older correspondence files (series 5) have been transferred to the archives. All other records here described may be examined by contacting the board.

Series

1. Minutes. 1930-present. 8 cu. ft.
Arranged chronologically.
2. Annual Reports, 1949-present. 0.25 cu. ft.
Arranged chronologically.
3. Zoning Appeal Case Files. 1931-present. 454 cu. ft.
Street index.
Arranged by year and thereunder by appeal number.
4. Ordinance Reports. 1923-present. 26 cu. ft.
Arranged by file number.
5. Correspondence Files. 1923-present. 20 cu. ft.
Arranged by subject.