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Summary information

Repository:	City of Edmonton Archives
Title:	City of Edmonton. License Department fonds
Reference code:	RG-26
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Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Prior to the creation of the License Department, the task of issuing licenses and enforcing them was the responsibility of, Thomas McCallum was hired by the Police Department as a constable and license inspector in 1903. After the License Department was established McCallum became the City License Inspector.

The License Department was responsible for collecting licence fees established by City Bylaws, issuing licence certificates, and checking premises in the City to see that necessary licenses are obtained. The necessity of obtaining licenses was meant to bring the City additional revenue as well as to regulate, and control or prohibit certain activities. As example, in 1931 there were over 70 different types of licenses, ranging from \$2 for a male dog, to \$250 for a beer license north of the river and south of 118 Avenue. There were close relationships between the License Department and other City departments due to the nature of the work. For example, license payments were collected by the Assessor's Department until 1924, then by the Comptroller's Office until 1927, and then by the Police Department. The Police Department was also involved in inspecting for licenses and enforcing the license bylaws.

Around 1932 the License Department was renamed the License and Collection Department.

The License Department was dissolved in 1954 after it was decided it should be . The amalgamation was Effective January 1, 1955, the License Department was absorbed by the Business Tax & License Section of the Assessor's Department.

Scope and content

Fonds consists of records kept regarding the different types of licenses granted by the City in the early 1900s. It also includes examples of licenses purchased from the City.

The fonds consists of the following files:

* File 1: Ledger of Licenses Granted (1909-1911)

- * File 2: Ledger of Dog Tags Issued (1905-1909)
 - * File 3: Ledger of Dog Tags Issued (1909-1911)
 - * File 4: Ledger containing Business Licenses Issued (1908-1911) and Dog Tags Issued (1908-1922)
 - * File 5: License issued to Mah Jim to keep a restaurant at 264 Namayo Avenue known as "The Frisco Restaurant" (1909)
 - * File 6: Dog tag #2451, issued to Mrs. L. Doherty for a black spaniel (1918)
 - * File 7: Dray license #160 for a two horse vehicle (1928)
 - * File 8: License register (1905-1909)
 - * File 9: Ledger of documents stamped with the seal of the City of Edmonton (1914-1915)
 - * File 10: Licenses Paid (1915-1916)
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Notes

Title notes

- **Source of title proper:** Title based on name of creator.

Immediate source of acquisition

The ledgers were transferred to the City of Edmonton Archives by the Finance Department in 1993. The dray license was donated by Mrs. R. J. Servant in 1967. The dog tag and the restaurant license were donated by persons unknown to the Historical Division of the City of Edmonton Parks and Recreation Department in 1986. The license register came in through the Office of the City Clerk with other, non-related materials.

Alternative form available

A microfilmed copy of the City's license register from May 1905-December 1907 is available in the microfilm room on reel 831031.

Restrictions on access

These records contain information that is protected in alignment with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act. There are no restrictions on access.

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Finding aids

See Scope and content above.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

Note [General]

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Other notes

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- Textual record (documentary form)
 - Object (documentary form)
 - Edmonton - Commerce (subject)
 - Government (subject)
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Collection holdings
