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Guide to the records of Mayor Joseph V. McKee, 1932

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Joseph V. McKee, Acting Mayor of New York, 1932

Summary

Record Group: RG 001.JVM: Office of the Mayor, Joseph V. McKee

Title of the Collection: Office of the Mayor, Joseph V. McKee records

Creator(s): McKee, Joseph V., -1956; New York (N.Y.). Office of the Mayor

Date: 1932

Abstract: Joseph V. McKee became Acting Mayor of New York City after the resignation of Mayor James J. Walker on September 1, 1932. McKee served in this capacity through the end of 1932. This collection consists of materials generated by the daily business of his brief administration.

Collection #: REC 0026

Extent: 6 cubic feet

Language: English

Physical location: Materials are stored onsite at 31 Chambers St.

Repository: New York City Municipal Archives, Department of Records and Information Services, 31 Chambers St., New York, NY 10007

Access and Use: Collection is open for research. Advance notice is required for using original material. Please contact research@records.nyc.gov to arrange access.

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Biographical/Historical Information

Joseph McKee was born in 1889, and was a member of the New York State Assembly and was also a teacher at Dewitt Clinton High School in the Bronx. McKee served as a Municipal Judge from 1924 to 1926 and was elected President of the Board of Aldermen on a ticket with James Walker in 1926. Mayor Walker, a Tammany Hall candidate, resigned in 1932 due to a scandal involving taking bribes for government contracts, and McKee became Acting Mayor for the final three months of 1932. He was not elected to fulfill Mayor Walker's term, nor was he elected when he ran for Mayor again in 1933, losing to Fiorello La Guardia. He died in New York City in 1956.

Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of materials generated by the daily business of the administration of Acting Mayor, Joseph V. McKee. The bulk of the records consist of correspondence between the Office of the Mayor and various city agencies and departments. Also included are reports, petitions, bills, speeches, and proclamations issued by McKee in his role as Mayor.

Arrangement

The Joseph V. McKee records are arranged into four series, based on the type of material:

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Key Terms

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McKee, Joseph V., -1956

New York (N.Y.). Office of the Mayor

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Occupations

Government employees

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Material Types

Business correspondence

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Container List

Series I: Departmental Correspondence Received

Date(s): 1932

Size (Extent): 2.5 cubic feet in 5 boxes

Scope and Content: This series consists of correspondence received from various city-affiliated departments and agencies.

Arrangement: This series is arranged alphabetically by department.

Access: This series is not microfilmed.

Location: 31 Chambers St., Shelf 2930-2934, 3030

Box	Folder	Title	Date
1	1	Accounts, Commissioner of	1932 September 3-19
1	2	Accounts, Commissioner of	1932 September 20-29
1	3	Accounts, Commissioner of	1932 October
1	4	Accounts, Commissioner of	1932 November
1	5	Accounts, Commissioner of	1932 December
1	6	Alderman, Board of	1932 September-December
1	7	Armory, Board of	1932 September-December
1	8	Armory, Board of	1932 November-December
1	9	Art Commission	1932 September-December
1	10	Assessors, Board of	1932 September-December
1	11	Borough President-Bronx	1932 September-December
1	12	Borough President-Brooklyn	1932 September-December
1	13	Borough President-Manhattan	1932 September-December
1	14	Borough President-Queens	1932 September-December
1	15	Borough President-Richmond	1932 September-December
2	16	Budget Commission	1932 September-December
2	17	Chamberlain, Board of	1932 September-December
2	18	Child Welfare, Board of	1932 September-December
2	19	City Clerk, Office of	1932 September-December
2	20	City Magistrates Courts	1932 September-December
2	21	City Marshall	1932 September-December
2	22	City Plan	1932 September-December
2	23	City Record, Board of	1932 August-October
2	24	City Record, Board of	1932 November
2	25	City Record, Board of	1932 December
2	26	Comptroller, Office of	1932 September-December
2	27	Correction, Department of	1932 September-December
2	28	County Clerk's Office	1932 September-December
2	29	Courts: Family Court	1932 September-December
2	30	Courts: Municipal Court	1932 September-December

Box	Folder	Title	Date
2	31	Courts: Surrogate's Court	1932 September-December
3	32	District Attorney's Office	1932 September-December
3	33	Docks, Department of	1932 September-December
3	34	Education, Board of	1932 September-December
3	35	Election, Board of	1932 September-December
3	36	Estimate and Apportionment, Board of	1932 September-October
3	37	Estimate and Apportionment, Board of	1932 November-December
3	38	Fire Department	1932 September-December
3	39	Governor	1932 September-December
3	40	Health Department	1932 September-December
3	41	Higher Education	1932 September-December
3	42	Hospitals, Department of	1932 September-December
3	43	Jurors, Commissioner	1932 September-December
3	44	Law Department	1932 September-October
3	45	Law Department	1932 November-December
3	46	Law Department (3 books)	1932 September-December
3	47	Libraries	1932 September-December
3	48	Licenses, Department of	1932 September-December
3	49	Mayor's Committee	1932 September-December
3	50	Medical Examiner	1932 September-December
3	51	Municipal Court	1932 September-December
3	52	Municipal Reference Library	1932 September-December
4	53	Parks, Department of: Bronx	1932 September-December
4	54	Parks, Department of: Brooklyn	1932 September-December
4	55	Parks, Department of: Manhattan	1932 September-December
4	56	Parks, Department of: Queens	1932 September-December
4	57	Parks, Department of: Richmond	1932 September-December
4	58	Parole Commission	1932 September-December
4	59	Plant and Structures, Department of	1932 September-December
4	60	Police Department	1932 September-December
4	61	Public Markets, Department of	1932 September-December
4	62	Public Welfare, Department of	1932 September-December
4	63	Public Welfare, Department of (Report)	1932 September-December
4	64	Purchase, Department of	1932 September-December
4	65	Sanitation, Department of	1932 September
4	66	Sanitation, Department of	1932 October
4	67	Sanitation, Department of	1932 November-December
5	68	Taxes and Assessments, Department of	1932 September-December
5	69	Taxicab Control, Board of	1932 September-December
5	70	Tenement Houses, Department of	1932 September-December
5	71	Transit Commission	1932 September-December
5	72	Transportation, Board of	1932 September-October

Box	Folder	Title	Date
5	73	Transportation, Board of	1932 September-October
5	74	Transportation, Board of (4 books)	1932 September-December
5	75	Water Supply, Gas and Electricity, Department of	1932 September-December
5	76	Weight and Measures, Bureau of	1932 September-December

Series II: Departmental Correspondence Sent

Date(s): 1932

Size (Extent): 1 cubic foot in 2 boxes

Scope and Content: This series consists of correspondence sent by the Mayor's office to various city-affiliated departments and agencies.

Arrangement: This series is arranged alphabetically by department.

Access: This series is not microfilmed.

Location: 31 Chambers St., Shelf 3028-3029

Box	Folder	Title	Date
1	1	Accounts, Commissioner of	1932 September-December
1	2	Aldermen, Board of	1932 September
1	3	Aldermen, Board of	1932 October-December
1	4	Armory, Board	1932 September-December
1	5	Art Commission	1932 October-November
1	6	Assessors, Board of	1932 September-November
1	7	Bill Drafting Commissioner	1932 November-December
1	8	Borough President of Bronx	1932 September-November
1	9	Borough President of Brooklyn	1932 September-December
1	10	Borough President of Manhattan	1932 September-December
1	11	Borough President of Queens	1932 September-November
1	12	Borough President of Richmond	1932 September-October
1	13	Budget, Director of	1932 September
1	14	Chamberlain, City	1932
1	15	Child Welfare, Board of	1932 September-December
1	16	City Clerk	1932 September-December
1	17	City Planning	1932 September-November
1	18	City Record	1932 September-December
1	19	Comptroller, Office of the	1932 September-December
1	20	Correction, Department of	1932 September-November
1	21	County Clerk	1932 December
1	22	Courts: City Magistrates Court	1932 October
1	23	Courts: Municipal Court	1932 October
1	24	Courts: Surrogate Court	1932 September-November
1	25	District Attorney	1932 September-November
1	26	Docks, Department of	1932 September-December
1	27	Education, Board of	1932 September-December
1	28	Election, Board of	1932 September-November
1	29	Estimate and Apportionment, Board of	1932 September-December
1	30	Examining, Board of Plumbers	1932 November
1	31	Finance, Department of	1932 September-December
1	32	Fire Commissioner	1932 September-December
1	33	Governor	1932 September-November

Box	Folder	Title	Date
1	34	Health Department	1932 September-December
1	35	Higher Education, Board of	1932 September-October
1	36	Hospitals, Department of	1932 September-December
1	37	Law Department	1932 September-December
1	38	Licenses, Department of	1932 September-December
1	39	Marshal, Chief City	1932 September-October
1	40	Medical Examiner, Chief	1932 September-October
1	41	Municipal Civil Service	1932 September-December
1	42	Municipal Reference Library	1932 September-December
1	43	Parks, Department of Bronx	1932 September-December
1	44	Parks, Department of Brooklyn	1932 September-December
1	45	Parks, Department of Manhattan	1932 September-December
1	46	Parks, Department of Queens	1932 September-November
1	47	Parks, Department of Richmond	1932 October
1	48	Parole Board	1932 September-November
1	49	Plant and Structures Commissioner	1932 September-December
2	50	Police Commissioner	1932 September
2	51	Police Commissioner	1932 October
2	52	Police Commissioner	1932 November-December
2	53	Public Market, Department of	1932 September-December
2	54	Public Welfare, Department of	1932 September
2	55	Public Welfare, Department of	1932 October-November
2	56	Public Welfare, Department of	1932 December
2	57	Purchase, Department of	1932 September-October
2	58	Register	1932 September
2	59	Sanitation, Department of	1932 September-December
2	60	Sheriff Office	1932 October
2	61	Sinking Fund Commission	1932 September-December
2	62	Taxes and Assessments, Department of	1932 September-December
2	63	Taxicab Control, Board of	1932 September-November
2	64	Tenement House Department	1932 September-December
2	65	Transit Commission	1932 September, December
2	66	Transportation, Board of	1932 September, October
2	67	Water Supply, Board of	1932 November
2	68	Water Supply, Gas and Electricity, Department of	1932 September-December
2	69	Weights and Measures, Bureau of	1932 September-December

Series III: Subject Files

Date(s): 1932

Size (Extent): 1 cubic foot in 2 boxes

Scope and Content: This series consists of official documents created by McKee's brief mayoral administration, including petitions, permits, speeches and proclamations, among other materials.

Arrangement: This series is arranged alphabetically by subject.

Access: This series is not microfilmed.

Location: 31 Chambers St., Shelf 3017-3018

Box	Folder	Title	Date
1	1	Airport	1932
1	2	Building Code (1 of 3)	1932
1	3	Building Code (2 of 3)	1932
1	4	Building Code (3 of 3)	1932
1	5	Building Code	1932
1	6	Central Purchasing: Agency Establishment	1932
1	7	Education (1 of 2)	1932
1	8	Education (2 of 2)	1932
1	9	Invitations	1932
1	10	Local Law 26 (Firemen and Police)	1932
1	11	Mayors	1932
1	12	Public Market (1 of 3)	1932
1	13	Public Market (2 of 3)	1932
1	14	Public Market (3 of 3)	1932
1	15	Recommendations (Correction, Commission of)	1932
2	1	Recommendations (Courts, Magistrate) (1 of 3)	1932
2	2	Recommendations (Courts, Magistrate) (2 of 3)	1932
2	3	Recommendations (Courts, Magistrate) (3 of 3)	1932
2	4	Recommendations (Docks, Commission of)	1932
2	5	Recommendations (Sanitation, Commission of)	1932
2	6	Recommendations (Standards and Appeals, Commissioner of)	1932
2	7	Recommendations (Tenement House, Commissioner of)	1932
2	8	Sanitation and Incineration	1932
2	9	Tax Exemption Law	1932
2	10	Taxi	1932
2	11	Transportation	1932
2	12	Unemployment	1932

Series IV: General Correspondence Received

Date(s): 1932

Size (Extent): 2.5 cubic feet in 5 boxes

Scope and Content: This series consists of correspondence received by the Office of the Mayor from the general public.

Arrangement: This series is arranged alphabetically by correspondent.

Access: This series is not microfilmed.

Location: 31 Chambers St., Shelf 3023-3027

Box	Title	Date
1	A-C	1932
2	D-H	1932
3	I-M	1932
4	Mc-T	1932
5	U-Z	1932

Series V: General Correspondence Sent

Date(s): 1932

Size (Extent): 2 cubic feet in 4 boxes

Scope and Content: This series consists of correspondence sent by the Office of the Mayor to the general public.

Arrangement: This series is arranged alphabetically by correspondent.

Access: This series is not microfilmed.

Location: 31 Chambers St., Shelf 3019-3022

Box	Folder	Title	Date
1	1	A: General	1932
1	2	A: Personal and Suggestions	1932
1	3	B: General (1 of 3)	1932
1	4	B: General (2 of 3)	1932
1	5	B: General (3 of 3)	1932
1	6	B: Personal and Suggestions	1932
1	7	C: General (1 of 2)	1932
1	8	C: General (2 of 2)	1932
1	9	C: Personal and Suggestions	1932
1	10	D: General	1932
1	11	D: Personal and Suggestions	1932
1	12	E: General	1932
1	13	E: Personal and Suggestions	1932
2	1	F: General	1932
2	2	F: Personal and Suggestions	1932
2	3	F: Personal and Suggestions	1932
2	4	G: General	1932
2	5	G: Personal and Suggestions	1932
2	6	H: General (1 of 2)	1932
2	7	H: General (2 of 2)	1932
2	8	I: General	1932
2	9	I: Personal and Suggestions	1932
2	10	J: General	1932
2	11	J: Personal and Suggestions	1932
2	12	K: General	1932
2	13	K: Personal and Suggestions	1932
2	14	L: General (1 of 1)	1932
2	15	L: General (1 of 2)	1932
2	16	L: Personal and Suggestions	1932
3	1	M: General (1 of 3)	1932
3	2	M: General (2 of 3)	1932
3	3	M: General (3 of 3)	1932
3	4	M: Personal and Suggestions	1932

Box	Folder	Title	Date
3	5	Mc: General	1932
3	6	Mc: Personal	1932
3	7	N: General	1932
3	8	N: Personal and Suggestions	1932
3	9	O: General	1932
3	10	O: Personal and Suggestions	1932
3	11	P: General	1932
3	12	P: Personal and Suggestions	1932
3	13	Q: General	1932
3	14	R: General (1 of 2)	1932
3	15	R: General (2 of 2)	1932
3	16	R: Personal and Suggestions	1932
4	1	S: Personal and Suggestions	1932
4	2	U: General	1932
4	3	V: General	1932
4	4	T: Personal and Suggestions	1932
4	5	V: Personal and Suggestions	1932
4	6	W: General	1932
4	7	W: Personal and Suggestions	1932
4	8	V: Personal and Suggestions	1932
4	9	X, Y, Z: General	1932
4	10	X, Y, Z: Personal and Suggestions	1932