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Background:

Eleazor C. Overton, a local optometrist and native of Birmingham, was elected to the Council of the City of Birmingham on April 23, 1963. Since Councilman Overton's first two-year term, he has been reelected to four consecutive four-year terms. Only Nina Miglionico has tenure of the Council as long as Overton's. Councilman Overton was, in 1965, instrumental in the founding of the Jefferson County Commission on Economic Opportunity and the Office of Economic Opportunity. He has served as vice-president of both organizations. During Overton's years in office, he has chaired several major Council committees and served on many others as a member. Listed at the end of the introduction is a chronology of Overton's activities of the Council committees.

In the years 1966 through 1969, the Councilman was instrumental in the establishment of the School of Optometry in the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Overton presently maintains an affiliation with the University as a supporter of the academic program.

Overton's long-term service on the Council and his involvement, as a Councilman, with and knowledge of a wide range of urban problems are reflected in his official files, a description follows.

Scope and Content:

The Eleazor C. Overton Papers contain Overton's official files and consist largely of correspondence, pamphlets, reports, and miscellaneous studies relating to the governance of the City of Birmingham and to Councilman Overton's role in such (see chronology of the Councilman's principal committee assignments). The years covered are 1963 and after 1966. This material only comprises two percent of the total body of papers.

The Overton papers reflect the organizational and functional structure of municipal government, to the political workings of the City Council and the political influence of Councilman Overton and other Council members.

These papers cover a wide variety of topics. The subjects range from Building Codes to Public Safety, from Aviation to Health, Education and Welfare. They contain extensive information on public safety, public improvements, taxation and municipal finances; and, they provide an account of Birmingham's growth from 1963 through 1966.

Councilman Overton's files presently cover only a portion of his long-term service on the Council; future deposits are expected.

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