

KANAB (UTAH) [566]

REVISED ORDINANCES, 1893-1916; 1997-[ongoing]

DESCRIPTION: The city council in each of Utah's incorporated cities exercises its legislative powers by passing ordinances. Ordinances regulate all activity within the community (Utah Code, 1988, 10-3-701-707). At the time of incorporation the Kanab town board (as the city council was formerly called) compiled and adopted a set of ordinances as a basis for the city government. These ordinances set the town boundaries; established positions for a number of appointed city officials and defined their responsibilities; established rules of conduct; and set requirements for conducting business. The Kanab city council compiled and updated sets of complete city ordinances periodically thereafter. This series includes some of those sets of revised ordinances.

Earlier revised ordinances focus on the duties of appointed city officials, regulating business within the community, and monitoring the conduct of residents. For example, ordinances prohibit profanity, vandalism, unnecessary noise, drunkenness, hoodlumism, indecent exposure, animal abuse, buying or selling on Sunday, and abusive threats or insults. The most recently revised set of Kanab ordinances is much broader in scope and also includes regulations for elections, courts, taxation, municipal improvements, public utilities and services, new construction, public transportation, safety, and the management of public property, as well as planning and zoning laws. This series also includes a handful of loose ordinances passed 1913-1916. These deal with Sabbath breaking, prohibition, and fly control.

ARRANGEMENT: Sets of revised ordinances are chronological by date adopted and include ordinances adopted in 1893, 1905, and 1912 and 1996. Elements within each set of revised ordinances are arranged by title, chapter, and section.

RELATED RECORDS: The original ordinances as adopted by the city of Kanab at incorporation are included at the beginning of city COUNCIL MINUTES, series 84960.

Council minutes also summarize the discussion of the city council which is responsible for adopting city ordinances. The Kanab Planning Commission drafts and enforces ordinances relating to zoning and land use. PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES are series 24206. Revised ordinances for 1996 refer extensively to UTAH CODE, series 83238 or series 1052.

PROCESSING NOTE: Kanab Revised Ordinances for 1893-1916 were microfilmed by Utah State Archives in December 1977, and revised ordinances adopted in 1996 in July 2002. The series was processed by Rosemary Cundiff in April 2003.

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GAPS: While the Kanab city council periodically adopted revised ordinances throughout the twentieth century, any revisions adopted 1913-1995 are not included herein. City council minutes mention the adoption of revised ordinances in Aug 1925, Feb 1959, Nov 1978, and Oct 1986.

CONTAINER LIST

Reel	Description
1	revised ordinances, Jan 1893; Dec 1898; Feb 1905; Mar 1912; loose ordinances 1913-1916
2	revised ordinances, Jan 1996