



Records Management and You

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Mission Statement

- To preserve and promote the documentary and cultural heritage of the state through professional records, historic preservation, and education programs.



Department of Archives & History

Collection includes

- 1671 ledger of colonial secretary
- SC's original of the US Bill of Rights
- Original Ordinance of Secession
- Original Clarendon County petition led to desegregation of public schools
- SC birth certificates beginning in 1915



Why Records Management Matters

- Citizens have a right to know.
- Records have historical importance.
- Good record keeping makes your job easier.
- It's the law.

South Carolina Public Records Act

- The legal justification for state records management.

- *Code of Laws of South Carolina.*

<http://www.scstatehouse.gov/code/t30c001.php>

Title 30 - Public Records

CHAPTER 1.

PUBLIC RECORDS, REPORTS AND OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS

What is a Public Body?

- “any department of the State, any state board, commission, agency, and authority, any public or governmental body or political subdivision of the State, ...supported in whole or in part by public funds or expending public funds” *Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, Section 30-1-10(b)*

What is a Public Record?

(As defined by the SC Freedom of Information Act)

- “includes all books, papers, maps, photographs, cards, tapes, recordings, or other **documentary materials regardless of physical form or characteristics prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or retained by a public body...**” *Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, Section 30-4-20(c) as amended aka **The Freedom of Information Act***

Examples

- Record: completed forms, correspondence, maps, drawings, photographs, and reports
- Non-Record: convenience copies for reference, publications not evidence of governmental activities, including catalogues, trade journals, pamphlets, blank forms

Public versus Confidential

- FOIA exemptions
 - SC Code Section 30-4-40
 - Includes “Information of a personal nature where the public disclosure thereof would constitute unreasonable invasion of personal privacy”
- Redaction
 - Use of Records Transmittal Spreadsheet
 - Agency does prior to transfer or advises Archives of restricted/confidential information contained in series

Noteworthy Sections of SC PRA

SECTION 30-1-20. Custodians of records; records officer.

- chief administrative officer
 - Is legal custodian of these records
 - Is responsible for carrying out the duties and responsibilities of this chapter
 - may appoint a records officer to act on his behalf

Noteworthy Sections of SC PRA

SECTION 30-1-30. Unlawful removing, defacing or destroying public records.

- A person who
 - unlawfully removes a public record
 - alters, defaces, mutilates, secretes, or destroys
 - is guilty of a misdemeanor

Noteworthy Sections of SC PRA

SECTION 30-1-40. Records shall be turned over to successor or to Archives.

- A person having
 - custody of public records
 - expiration of his term of office or employment
 - shall deliver to his successor, or if there is none, to the Archives, all public records in his custody

Noteworthy Sections of SC PRA

SECTION 30-1-70. Protection and restoration of records.

- legal custodian shall
 - protect them against deterioration, mutilation, theft, loss, or destruction
 - keep them secure in vaults or rooms having proper ventilation and fire protection
- public records of long term or archival value in danger of loss
 - [may] be transferred to suitable storage...or other necessary preservation measures...”

Noteworthy Sections of SC PRA

SECTION 30-1-90. (A) Archives shall assist in creating, filing and preserving records; inventories and schedules.

- The Archives may
 - examine the condition of public records
 - give advice and assistance to public officials in... creating, filing, preserving, and making available the public records in their custody
 - establish records schedules mandating a time period for the retention of each series of records [which] must be approved by the governing body of...each agency...and by the Director of the Archives

Noteworthy Sections of SC PRA

SECTION 30-1-90. (D) Archives shall assist in creating, filing and preserving records; inventories and schedules.

- Records...in the transaction of public business
 - [must] be disposed of, destroyed, or erased [with] an approved records schedule.
 - [must] be documented and reported in accordance with procedures developed by the Archives

Noteworthy Sections of SC PRA

SECTION 30-1-100. (E) Additional powers and duties of Archives.

- Any public records
 - destroyed or otherwise disposed of in accordance with the procedure authorized in Sections 30-1-90 and 30-1-110
 - Liability [for] custodian shall cease.

Retention Schedules

- Describes the records, the length of time they should be retained, and indicates their final disposition
- Two types – General and Specific
- Minimum Retention Periods
- “Official” or “Record” copy of a record
- Based on content versus medium

General Schedules

Records common to all
state agencies

Format

- First line – regulation number and series title.
- Part A – Description: statement describing use and informational content
- Part B – Retention: time period indicating minimum length of time records should be retained by agency before their disposition

General Schedule Examples

12-306. Administrative Files (Executive Levels)

A. Description: Document actions of an agency director, deputy director and division directors. Information includes memoranda and reports concerning agency policy, organizational and program development records, non-routine fiscal data, personnel information and related notes. These records reflect administration of policy, coordination of agency functions, and management of program activity.

B. Retention:

- (1) Agency: 3 years after fiscal year. Microfilm optional.
- (2) State Archives: Selection of needed documentation. Permanent.

12-307. Administrative Reference Files (Non-Executive Levels)

A. Description: Routine office management files retained below the agency director, deputy director and division director levels. Included are memoranda, reports, printed matter and other reference materials. Topics include: job activities, program material, general office information, professional associations, charitable affairs, parking for staff, disaster preparedness, and other related topics.

B. Retention: Until no longer needed for reference; destroy.

12-325. Motor Vehicle Operations And Maintenance Files

A. Description: Files of motor vehicle operations and maintenance. Included are requests for state vehicles, vehicles inspection/use reports, motor vehicle accident reports, motor vehicle inventories, and other related information.

B. Retention: 3 years; destroy.

12-335. Telephone Logs

A. Description: Listing of telephone calls made by agency personnel for a particular time period. Logs reflect date, time, caller, recipient of call, and nature of business discussed.

B. Retention: 3 years and until reconciliation of telephone billing, destroy.

Specific Schedules

Created specifically for your agency

- Agency's name appears on schedule

Create a specific schedule when:

- The record is unique to your agency
- Retentions in General Schedules do not fit your retention needs
- Need to Use State Records Center storage



DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

Record Group Number: 108

HISTORICAL SERVICES

COMPLIANCE AND ECONOMIC INCENTIVES

14083

FEDERAL SURVEY AND PLANNING/ CERTIFIED LOCAL
GOVERNMENT (CLG) GRANTS PRODUCTS

Description

Created by grant recipients in the Federal Survey and Planning/ CLG Development Grants program. These records are the final products of each grant-funded project. Information may include historical, technical, and interpretive material about individual historic properties or groups of properties.

Retention

Agency Office: 1 year.

State Archives: PERMANENT

Supersedes: HP-HP-2

Schedule Approved 13 January 2005

Inventory

- The process of locating, identifying, describing, counting, and measuring all records regardless of medium in office and storage areas
- Use staff familiar with their office records for guidance in describing records
- Label records using General Schedules or create a specific schedule using the Inventory Form

*See Information Leaflet #17: How to Conduct a Records Inventory

Inventory Form (ARM-1)

- Agency staff completes one per record series based on inventory of records
- Records Analyst at Archives drafts a Specific Schedule based on the inventory form
- Final schedule approved by designated Records Officer and Archives Director for implementation

South Carolina Department of Archives and History Division of Archives and Records Management RECORD SERIES INVENTORY FORM		Action Required <input type="checkbox"/> Establish Schedule <input type="checkbox"/> Revise Schedule <i>Schedule Number</i>	
TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY. COMPLETE ONE FORM FOR EACH RECORD SERIES. RECORD GROUP NUMBER:			
Section A. Identification of Program Unit and Contact Person			
1. State or Local Agency		2. Division or Office	
3. Subdivision		4. Program Unit	
5. Person Completing Form: (Name) (Date)		(Title)	(Telephone)
Section B. Description of Records			
6. Record Series (a) Title: (b) Variant Title:		7. Dates of Records (a) Beginning to Ending (b) Missing Dates:	
8. Are records still created? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no		9. Are records indexed? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no If yes, title and location:	
10. Arrangement of Record Series			
<input type="checkbox"/> Alphabetically by <input type="checkbox"/> Numerically by <input type="checkbox"/> Alphanumeric by		<input type="checkbox"/> Chronologically by <input type="checkbox"/> Unarranged <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
11. Description of Records			
(a) Who creates and/or uses the records and for what purpose?			
(b) Informational Content			
(c) Value of Records (check all that apply)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Administrative <input type="checkbox"/> Legal <input type="checkbox"/> Fiscal <input type="checkbox"/> Historical <input type="checkbox"/> Other			
(d) Are these records vital? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no			
(e) Reference Frequency _____ times <input type="checkbox"/> daily <input type="checkbox"/> weekly <input type="checkbox"/> monthly <input type="checkbox"/> yearly for _____ months _____ years. Never after			

SECTION B. DESCRIPTION OF RECORD SERIES (CONT.)

12(a) Characteristics (check the medium to left of record format):

- | | | | |
|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paper | <input type="checkbox"/> Audio Visual | <input type="checkbox"/> Microfilm | <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Machine Readable |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Size | <input type="checkbox"/> Audiotape | <input type="checkbox"/> Roll Film | <input type="checkbox"/> Tape |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Letter Size | <input type="checkbox"/> Motion Picture | <input type="checkbox"/> Aperture Cards | <input type="checkbox"/> Disk |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bound Volume | <input type="checkbox"/> Video Tape | <input type="checkbox"/> Microfiche | <input type="checkbox"/> Diskett (Floppy) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Printouts | <input type="checkbox"/> Photo Print | <input type="checkbox"/> Jackets | <input type="checkbox"/> Punch Cards |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Maps, Plans, Drawings | <input type="checkbox"/> Photo Glass | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Publications | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | | | |

12(b) Total Volume and Location of Records (by cu. ft.) 12(c) Total volume generated per year
 Office (Most recent year)
 State Records Center
 Other Storage Specify:

13. Condition of Records: Good Fair Poor
 Molded Dirty Torn Other

14. Confidential? yes no. If yes, cite authority.

15. Record is
 original - Location of duplicate:
 duplicate - Location of original:

16. Summarized: yes no
 Title and Location of Summary Record

SECTION C. PROPOSED RETENTION PERIOD AND DISPOSITION

17. Subject to: Audit Sunset Review Other (specify):

18. Legal retention requirement? yes no. If yes, cite authority

19. The proposed retention period for this record series should be implemented as follows (check all that apply)

- Retain in program office space for years months
 Transfer to state/local facility for years months
 Transfer to State Records Center for years months

Other (Specify) _____

Final Disposition (following completion of retention period)

- Destroy Transfer to State Archives Transfer to Approved Repository

20. Additional Comments

Value of Records

- **Administrative:** Needed to conduct program business and/or daily course of business
- **Fiscal:** Document receipt, management and expenditure of public funds and usually subject to audit
- **Legal:** Information on legal rights and obligations of government or its citizens; created or maintained in litigation
- **Historical:** Document authority and mission; governmental impact on citizens and state's resources

Agency Off-Site Records Storage

Minimum Standards for Facilities which House South Carolina Public Records

- Sound Construction; well-maintained
- Clean; free of vermin; no eating, drinking
- Well-ventilated; no extreme temperature fluctuations
(+/- 40 degrees and humidity)
- No leaks, flooding or excessive moisture; 3 inches from floor
- Secure; protected (man-made and natural disasters)

State Records Center

Criteria for Storage

- Inactive Records – referred to less than once a month per box
- Series generated at rate of 10 cubic feet or more per year
- Retention for at least 3 years and no more than 10
- Paper records cannot also be filmed or imaged
- Must have retention schedule specifying storage time



Stores records until disposal or permanent transfer to Archives

State Records Center

- Contact:
src@scdah.sc.gov or (803) 898-9980
- boxes and tape (vendors)
- transfer forms
- physical transfer
- reference requests



*See Information Leaflet#14:Storing Records at the State Records Center

State Records Center

Transmittal Spreadsheet

THE SOUTH CAROLINA ARCHIVES & HISTORY CENTER <small>History & Heritage For All Generations</small>	SC DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES & HISTORY RECORDS TRANSMITTAL & RECEIPT			1. RECORD GROUP NUMBER		
	<i>Send the original copy of this form to the Records Center:</i>			2. ACCESSION NUMBER		
	SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES & HISTORY STATE RECORDS CENTER 1942-A LAUREL STREET COLUMBIA, SC 29201 FAX: 803-898-9981			3. FROM (Name & address of agency transferring records)		
4. NAME OF AGENCY RECORDS OFFICER		5. TELEPHONE		6. DATE RECORDS RECEIVED		7. CUBIC FEET
8. TRANSFERRED BY NAME		9. TELEPHONE		10. SIGNATURE		
11. DATE PREPARED	12. # OF BOXES TRANSFERRED	13. SCHEDULE #	14. INCLUSIVE DATES		15. DISPOSITION DATE	
16. TITLE OF RECORD SERIES		17. MEDIA TYPE	Paper <input type="checkbox"/> Video <input type="checkbox"/> Audio <input type="checkbox"/> Photos <input type="checkbox"/> Printouts <input type="checkbox"/>	18. RESTRICTED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		
19. SRC BOX #	20. AGENCY BOX #	21. BOX CONTENTS (List beginning and ending files for each box)				
	1 of 0	to				
	2 of 0	to				
	3 of 0	to				
	4 of 0	to				
	5 of 0	to				
	6 of 0	to				
	7 of 0	to				
	8 of 0	to				
	9 of 0	to				
	10 of 0	to				

Record Destruction

- No public record should be destroyed unless allowed by retention schedule
- Report on Records Destroyed (ARM-11) must be completed by Records Officer and forwarded to Archives
- Agency retains a copy to document legal disposition of records

**SC Department of Archives and History
DIVISION OF ARCHIVES & RECORDS MANAGEMENT
REPORT ON RECORDS DESTROYED**

1. STATE OR LOCAL AGENCY:
[REDACTED]

2. RECORD GROUP NUMBER:
[REDACTED]

3. DIVISION OR OFFICE:
[REDACTED]

4. DATE (M/D/Y):
[REDACTED]

5. The records listed below have been disposed of in accordance with provisions of the PUBLIC RECORDS ACT, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, Sections 30-1-10 through 30-1-140, as amended, and approved Records Retention Schedules.

SIGNATURE OF RECORD OFFICER'S OR REPRESENTATIVE:

6. RECORD SERIES TITLES	7. RECORD SERIES NUMBER	8. INCLUSIVE DATES	9. VOLUME (CuFt/MB)	10. DATE OF DESTRUCTION (M/D/YYYY)
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	0.00	Total Volume

Archives & History Online

<https://scdah.sc.gov/>

Click “Records Management”

<https://scdah.sc.gov/records-management>

- General Schedules
- Forms
- Information Leaflets
- Laws and Regulations



Questions?

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