I. Title

II. The papers of James Osborn

III. Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 1 ft. 5 1/2 in.
Approximate number of items: 1000

IV. Restrictions: None

V. Literary rights of the unpublished writings of
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VII. Biographical note: Council-Manager Charter in New Haven-Background:
In 1940, the League of Women Voters became interested in a new charter and in 1942, Mayor Murphy, appointed a Charter Revision Committee. This committee and future Committees which were appointed by Mayor Celantano in the next few years (1949-52) lay politically dormant. The League agitated for a Council-Manager Charter by forming a Citizens' Charter Committee (1948) which later became the New Haven Citizens' Committee for Council-Manager Charter (1949). By 1949, three proposed charters existed: the 1946 Commission's charter, Taxpayer's Research Council charter (1949), and the Council-Manager Charter. No action was taken by the Board of Aldermen so the New Haven Citizens Committee

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VIII. Analysis:
4 boxes; James Osborn's personal collection of papers of the New Haven Citizens' Committee for Council-Manager Charter (1949-52). Collection is not inclusive of all committee papers. Filed with Osborn's personal correspondence first, and with the rest of the folders filed chronologically and alphabetically by subject: committees, meetings, newsletters; publicity; reference (general). Contains drafts of the proposed charter, committee working papers, newsletters, newspaper articles, publicity material, National Municipal League Conference papers, court papers, general statistics. Correspondence is filed in folders relating to the subject and/or committee. Brackets on the right side of the Contents Guide indicate the number of items in the folder.

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petitioned for a referendum in 1952. The publicity attendant on this campaign personally collected by James M. Osborn is set forth in this collection.

New Haven Citizen's for Council-Manager Charter  
Charter Collection, 1949-52

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