

# Colorado Municipal Records Retention Schedule

## SCHEDULE NO. 50

### HISTORIC PRESERVATION RECORDS

General Description: Records that have historical importance as documentation and evidence of the origins and evolution of the municipality and community and records that have value beyond their original reasons for creation. Note: Contact State Archives for assistance in historical records appraisal.

*No record may be destroyed under this Retention Schedule if it is pertinent to any current, pending or anticipated investigation, audit or legal proceeding. **The minimum retention periods specified in this schedule apply to the information contained within the record copy, regardless of the physical format of the record copy (paper, microfilm, electronic).*** Each municipality must decide on the physical format for each type of record, ensuring authenticity, readability and accessibility for the entire retention period. **Duplicate Copies:** Retain duplicated copies that are created for **administrative purposes** for 1 year, and retain those created for **convenience or reference purposes** until no longer needed or for 1 year, whichever is first. Duplicate copies should not be retained longer than the record copy.

#### 50.010 ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL SITE RECORDS

Records relating to archaeological and historical sites.

Retention: Permanent [**Important Note:** The State Archives recommends that the "record" copy of historical records be retained in paper format.]

#### 50.020 COMMUNITY AND MUNICIPAL HISTORIES

Narrative histories of the municipality and community prepared for reference and informational purposes.

Retention: Permanent [**Important Note:** The State Archives recommends that the "record" copy of historical records be retained in paper format.]

#### 50.030 COMMUNITY RECORDS

Significant historical records (often fragmentary) of early community groups, businesses and prominent individuals.

Retention: Permanent [**Important Note:** The State Archives recommends that the "record" copy of historical records be retained in paper format.]

#### 50.040 LANDMARK AND HISTORIC DESIGNATION

Records relating to local, state or federal historic designations for buildings, structures or districts and preservation of historic structures. Includes records relating to approved state tax credits for historic properties, historical structure or district surveys, historical designation applications whether approved or not approved, historic designation research files, drawings, etc.

Retention: Permanent

#### 50.050 NEWSPAPERS AND NEWS CLIPPINGS – LOCAL

Newspapers or news clippings that have been preserved for reference or informational purposes.

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Retention: Not considered to be a record; however, older collections of local newspapers or news clippings may have historical interest to Colorado Historical Society, local historical society or other historic preservation groups

## 50.060 PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORDS WITH HISTORICAL VALUE

Photographs, negatives, prints, digital images, slides, archival slide shows with sound tracks, videos and motion pictures of historical interest.

Retention: Permanent [**Important Note:** The State Archives recommends that the "record" copy of historical records be retained in the original format.]

## 50.070 RECORDS OLDER THAN 1900

Municipal (or other) records of any type dated prior to 1900 that may have historical or archival value.

Retention: Permanent if determined to have historical or archival value [**Important Note:** The State Archives recommends that the "record" copy of historical records be retained in paper format.]

## 50.080 SCRAPBOOKS

Collections of photographs, newspaper clippings and other items pertaining to the municipality in a scrapbook or album.

Retention: Permanent [**Important Note:** The State Archives recommends that the "record" copy of historical records be retained in paper format.]

## Cross References

- Agreements and contracts – 40.030, Agreements and Contracts
- Correspondence and general documentation – 40.100, Correspondence and General Documentation
- Policies and procedures – 40.220, Policies and Procedures Documentation
- Reports – 40.290, Reports
- Rules, regulations and standards – 40.310, Rules, Regulations and Standards