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Jack Waaler  
Papers, 1968-2020

Collection 387

## Champaign County Historical Archives

**Compiled by:** Shalini Smith, August 2024, April 2025

**Creator/Corporate Name:** Jack Waaler

**Inclusive Dates:** 1968-2020

**Physical Description:** 2 boxes, (1 linear ft.)

**Language:** English

### Provenance:

The Jack Waaler papers were donated to the Champaign County Historical Archives in August 2023 by Jack Waaler. Additional donations were made by Jack Waaler in January 2025 and March 2025.

### Access:

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### Biographical Note:

Jack Waaler was born to Mr. and Mrs. George R. Waaler. In January 1965, he married Virginia April Baker. He attended the University of Illinois and graduated from the College of Law in 1959.

After graduating from the University of Illinois, he served three years in the Army as part of the Advocate General's section. Following his time with the Army, he worked as an assistant state's attorney, a position he held from 1962-1964. He left the state's attorney's office in 1964 and began practicing law as a member of the firm Browder, Anthony, and Waaler. In December of 1966, he was appointed as a Champaign County Public Defender, taking the place of Robert T. Trimpe. He served in the public defender role until his resignation in 1969, after which he announced that he would be forming the private law firm of Waaler and Evans, with Bill J. Evans as partner. That same year, Urbana Mayor Charles W. Zipprodt appointed Jack to the position of City Attorney.

Between the time he was appointed as City Attorney and April 2003, Waaler continued to work for the City of Urbana in either the role of City Attorney or Corporate Counsel. In April 2003, when he left his position as City Attorney, he became a source of outside counsel to the City of Urbana.

### Scope and Content Note:

This collection contains correspondence, memos, and opinions written by or directed to Jack Waaler during his time as legal counsel for the City of Urbana. Other items include information related to court cases, proposed changes to City of Urbana codes and ordinances, information about legal issues, pages from legal publications, and newspaper clippings. Also included are pages from Jack's journal and a self-appraisal that he completed.

### Arrangement:

The collection is arranged alphabetically by folder title.



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## **Subject Terms:**

City attorneys  
City attorneys' opinions

## **Name Terms:**

Big Grove  
Carle Foundation Hospital (Urbana, Ill.)  
Champaign Community Unit School District Number 4  
Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District  
Espinola, Christie  
Goodell, John  
Hutchcraft Van Service  
Markland, Jeffrey T.  
Marlin, Diane  
Paley, Hiram  
Plager, Sheldon J.  
Presence Covenant Medical Center (Urbana, Ill.)  
Provena Covenant Medical Center (Urbana, Ill.)  
Rutherford, Dan  
Satterthwaite, Tod  
Singer, Clifford  
Stone, Victor J.  
Troppito, Charlie  
Urbana (Ill.). City Attorney  
Urbana (Ill.). City Council  
Urbana School District 116  
Waal, Jack  
Walden, Bruce K.

## **Container List**

### **Box 1**

Folder 1: Abandoned Mobile Homes, 1990-1993  
Folder 2: Annexations, 1986, 1994-2000, 2015  
Folder 3: Big Grove, 2000  
Folder 4: Carle Taxation, 2009, 2015-2017  
Folder 5: Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District, 1968-1972, 1997-2005, 2014  
Folder 6: City of Urbana Appointments for Approval, 1987-1988  
Folder 7: City of Urbana Code Revisions, 1993-2006  
Folder 8: Civil Service, 1971, 1993-1997



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Folder 9: Correspondence and Memos, 1971-2016  
Folder 10: Drainage District, 2003, 2005, 2012  
Folder 11: Drainage Laws, 2014  
Folder 12: Gilmore vs City of Urbana, 1968-1970  
Folder 13: Hutchcraft vs City of Urbana, 1981-1983  
Folder 14: I-57 and Curtis, LLC Court Case, 2018-2019  
Folder 15: Jack's Journal

## **Box 2**

Folder 1: Legal Publications, 1987, 2001-2020  
Folder 2: Newspaper Clippings, 1969-1973, 1998, 2001  
Folder 3: Parking Laws, 1987  
Folder 4: Provena Covenant/Presence Taxation, 2008, 2012-2015  
Folder 5: School District Detachment, 2002  
Folder 6: Self Appraisal, 1995-1996  
Folder 7: Sign Ordinance and Regulations, 1972-1973, 1993  
Folder 8: University of Illinois Zoning, 2003, 2009, 2015  
Folder 9: Urbana City Council Rules and Procedures, 1975-2017  
Folder 10: Urbana Committee on Environment and Public Safety, March-April 1995  
Folder 11: Ward Report, 2002