

Geographic Subdivision to the City Level H 832

BACKGROUND: *Until early 1985, certain topical headings had provision for geographic subdivision, but were not divided geographically to the city level. Instead, in order to express these topics in conjunction with the name of a city, a subdivision was used under the heading for the city. Topics that received this treatment could be identified in **Library of Congress Subject Headings** by the presence of a general see also reference of the following type:*

*Fountains (Indirect)
sa subdivision Fountains under names of cities*

*The term "city flip" was used informally to refer to this practice. Following the provisions of the city flip, the heading for a general work about fountains in California would be **Fountains – California**, whereas the heading for a work about fountains in Los Angeles would have been **Los Angeles (Calif.)–Fountains**. The city flip applied to the following headings:*

<i>Airports</i>	<i>Demonstrations</i>
<i>Almshouses</i>	<i>Discotheques</i>
<i>Ambulance service</i>	<i>Docks</i>
<i>Amusements</i>	<i>Dwellings</i>
<i>Armories</i>	<i>Election districts</i>
<i>Auditoriums</i>	<i>Evening and continuation</i>
<i>Avalanches</i>	<i>schools</i>
<i>Bathing beaches</i>	<i>Explosions</i>
<i>Bazaars, Oriental</i>	<i>Ferries</i>
<i>Bombings</i>	<i>Festivals</i>
<i>Bridges</i>	<i>Fire prevention</i>
<i>Buildings</i>	<i>Fires</i>
<i>Canals</i>	<i>Floods</i>
<i>Carnival</i>	<i>Fortification</i>
<i>Castles</i>	<i>Fountains</i>
<i>Cemeteries</i>	<i>Gates</i>
<i>Charities</i>	<i>Guilds</i>
<i>Charities, Medical</i>	<i>Harbors</i>
<i>Churches</i>	<i>Hospitals</i>
<i>City planning</i>	<i>Hotels</i>
<i>Civic improvement</i>	<i>Laboratories</i>
<i>Conservatories of music</i>	<i>Landslides</i>
<i>Convention facilities</i>	<i>Libraries</i>
<i>Convents</i>	<i>Lighting</i>
<i>Correctional institutions</i>	<i>Local transit</i>
<i>Courtyards</i>	
<i>Cries</i>	

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<i>Lodging-houses</i>	<i>Sepulchral monuments</i>
<i>Marketplaces</i>	<i>Sewerage</i>
<i>Markets</i>	<i>Shopping centers</i>
<i>Mayors</i>	<i>Shrines</i>
<i>Military bases</i>	<i>Slaughtering and slaughter-houses</i>
<i>Monasteries</i>	<i>Sports facilities</i>
<i>Monuments</i>	<i>Stables</i>
<i>Morgues</i>	<i>Statues</i>
<i>Mosques</i>	<i>Stockyards</i>
<i>Museums</i>	<i>Stores, Retail</i>
<i>Music-halls</i>	<i>Storms</i>
<i>Music-halls (Variety-theaters, cabarets, etc.)</i>	<i>Street cleaning</i>
<i>Office buildings</i>	<i>Streets</i>
<i>Orphanages</i>	<i>Stūpas</i>
<i>Palaces</i>	<i>Synagogues</i>
<i>Parks</i>	<i>Temples</i>
<i>Playgrounds</i>	<i>Theaters</i>
<i>Plazas</i>	<i>Tombs</i>
<i>Public comfort stations</i>	<i>Towers</i>
<i>Public laundries</i>	<i>Underground areas</i>
<i>Recreation</i>	<i>Walls</i>
<i>Recreation areas</i>	<i>Water consumption</i>
<i>Restaurants</i>	<i>Water-supply</i>
<i>Riots</i>	<i>Wharves</i>
<i>Schools</i>	

The city flip was discontinued in 1985. The general see also references of the type described above were cancelled from the subject authority file.

1. General rule. If a work discusses a topic in a specific city, and the heading for the topic is authorized for geographic subdivision, divide the heading geographically to the city level, for example, **Fountains–California–Los Angeles**.

2. Local history materials. For works of interest to local historians and genealogists, also assign an appropriate [*city*]–[*topic*] heading, as described in H 1845.

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3. *Structures.* If the topic of the work is a category of structures, such as buildings, monuments, bridges, etc., also assign the heading [*city*]-**Buildings, structures, etc.**, within the limitations of H 1334 and H 1334.5.

4. *City as topic of work.* If the city is judged to be an important aspect of the work in its own right, assign an additional heading of the type [*city*]-[*topic*], using one of the topical subdivisions valid for use under city names, for example, **-Race relations**, **-Social life and customs**, etc. (cf. H 1140).

5. *Works about disasters, riots, demonstrations, etc., in cities.* As a general rule, assign a heading of the type [*category of event*]-[*place*], and for historical treatments, a heading of the type [*city*]-**History**-[*period or century subdivision, if appropriate*] (see H 1560).