



Resolution to Amend Plats within Oklahoma City to Remove Discriminatory Language

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Background

In the early to mid-20th century, racially restrictive covenants were widely used across the United States to prevent Black, Jewish, Asian, and other marginalized groups from purchasing or occupying property in certain neighborhoods. These covenants were legally enforceable until 1948, when the Supreme Court ruled in *Shelley v. Kraemer* that courts could not enforce them. These covenants still exist in many plat documents today.

In April 2024, Governor Stitt signed Senate Bill 1617 into law, allowing municipalities to amend plat documents to remove discriminatory language.

In March 2025, the Oklahoma City Human Rights Commission passed a resolution in support of the City initiating this process.

Process



Questions?