



Presentation regarding the process for the amendment of existing plats previously filed within counties in Oklahoma City to remove discriminatory language contained in said plats.

Background:

Historically, many plats, deeds, and other property documents in Oklahoma City and throughout the United States contained racially and religiously restrictive covenants and other discriminatory language that prohibited the sale, rental, or occupancy of property by members of certain racial, ethnic, and religious groups. Although these discriminatory provisions are no longer legally enforceable, pursuant to the United States Supreme Court ruling in *Shelley v. Kraemer* (1948) and the Fair Housing Act of 1968, many of these provisions remain in recorded documents.

On November 1, 2024, State law was amended to allow municipalities to amend an existing plat which was previously filed in counties where the property is located to remove discriminatory language.

On March 26, 2025, the Oklahoma City Human Rights Commission adopted a Resolution in support of the City of Oklahoma City amending plat documents to remove discriminatory language that has been determined to be no longer enforceable.

On April 22, 2025, the City Council adopted a Resolution directing City staff to develop a process for the amendment of existing plats previously filed within counties in Oklahoma City to remove discriminatory language contained in said plats.

On June 12, 2025, staff will provide a brief overview of the amendment process to the Planning Commission.

Recommendation: Informational - no action required.