



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

DECLARING RACIAL OR OTHER DISCRIMINATORY COVENANTS IN REAL ESTATE RECORDINGS AND DEEDS VOID UNDER THE COOK COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, there was a time when racial covenants in real estate recordings were permitted and which had the effect of prohibiting such properties to be owned, leased, or otherwise prevented the conveyance of property rights to individuals based upon their race, color, religion or national origin; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois, pursuant to Public Act 102-0110, has developed a streamlined process by which property owners may eliminate unlawful discriminatory covenants from property deeds effective January 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Human Rights Ordinance prohibits unlawful discrimination based upon perceived status, practice, or expression of that person's race, color, sex, age, religion, disability, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, marital status, parental status, military discharge status, source of income, gender identity or housing status; or the actual or perceived association with such a person (Cook County Code of Human Rights, Section 42-31); and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Clerk's Office is prepared to efficiently process applications for the elimination of unlawful discriminatory covenants from property deeds; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Cook County Commission on Human Rights denounces any racial or other discriminatory covenant and declares such covenants are void under the Cook County Human Rights Ordinance.