

Just Deeds: Reject Your Restrictive Covenant

The Just Deeds project helps property owners reject restrictive covenants on titles to their real property. This project is sponsored by the Golden Valley Human Rights Commission (HRC).

Restrictive Covenants

Restrictive covenants were tools used by cities, developers, law firms, and others to prevent people of color or people of a certain religion from buying or occupying property. For example, this restrictive covenant was placed on an entire Golden Valley neighborhood:

No persons of any race other than the Caucasian race shall use or occupy any building or any lot, except that this covenant shall not prevent occupancy by domestic servants of a different race domiciled with an owner or tenant.

Although restrictive covenants have been prohibited in Minnesota since 1953, they still appear in real estate records across the country. In 2019, the Minnesota Legislature passed a law allowing people to renounce these covenants by filing a document with Minnesota Counties. The Golden Valley HRC created this project to help property owners find and renounce their covenants with help from title and legal experts.

To get started looking for and removing a restrictive covenant from your property title, please complete this form and submit it to tromano@goldenvalleymn.gov. The City will forward your information to a volunteer expert who will contact you directly about your property.

Learn more about restrictive covenants at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/equity-and-inclusion/restrictive-covenants.php.

Property Information

Name

Property address

Tax parcel ID (optional)

Are you married? Yes No

Are there any other owners of the property? Yes No

If so, list their full name. _____

Email

Phone

Data Practices Advisory

Some of the information requested on this form is private information under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. We will use this information to help you find and remove restrictive covenants on your property. You are not required to provide this information, but if you do not provide your name, property address, and at least one way to contact you, we will not be able to help find and remove covenants on your property.



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