



Real Estate Disclosure

Discriminatory Covenants in Minnesota

Many properties throughout the Twin Cities were developed with discriminatory covenants in the first part of the twentieth century that precluded ownership of some residents based on race or religion. This practice purposefully segregated the Twin Cities, denying communities of color the opportunity to build generational wealth through homeownership and creating systemic impacts on BIPOC communities that continue to this day.

A property being purchased or sold may contain this language today. While these covenants are no longer enforceable, and are not the fault of the current owner, their shameful legacy remains. What is exciting is that homeowners and homebuyers today have the opportunity to acknowledge this history and help right this historical wrong.

Learn More

The University of Minnesota formed The Mapping Prejudice Project to identify properties that were affected by these covenants. The Just Deeds Project was formed to assist property owners to remove these covenants and promote honest conversations in our communities. Go to mappingprejudice.umn.edu and www.justdeeds.org to learn more about this practice and its effect on our communities..

Remove a Discriminatory Covenant

If you have a discriminatory covenant on a property that you are buying or selling, talk to your Realtor® about removing the covenant at closing through the Just Deeds Project.

Get Involved

Connect with the Just Deeds Project to organize in your neighborhood and in your city to explore the legacy of discriminatory covenants and work toward a more equitable and inclusionary community.

Thank you for your interest in participating in the Just Deeds coalition. We look forward to working together to create meaningful and lasting change in Minnesota one deed, policy, and planning decision at a time.