

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

4 ENGROSSED SENATE
5 BILL NO. 333

6 By: Haste of the Senate

7 and

8 Lawson of the House

9 An Act relating to the Oklahoma Housing Authorities
10 Act; amending 63 O.S. 2021, Section 1054, which
11 relates to definitions; updating statutory
 references; modifying definition; and providing
 criteria.

12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 1054, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 1054. The following terms, wherever used or referred to
16 in ~~this act~~ the Oklahoma Housing Authorities Act, shall have the
17 following respective meanings, unless a different meaning clearly
18 appears from the context:

19 (a) 1. "Authority" means any public body corporate and politic
20 created by ~~this act~~. the Oklahoma Housing Authorities Act;

21 (b) 2. "City" means any incorporated city or town in the
22 state.;

1 3. "County" means any county in the state-;

2 (e) 4. "Governing body" means, in the case of a city, the
3 council or other governing body of the city in which is vested
4 legislative authority customarily imposed on the city council, and,
5 in the case of a county, the board of county commissioners-;

6 (d) 5. "Mayor" means the mayor of the city or the officer
7 thereof charged with the duties customarily imposed on the mayor or
8 executive head of a city-;

9 (e) 6. "Clerk" means the city clerk or the county clerk, as the
10 case may be-;

11 (f) 7. "Area of operation" means:

12 (1) a. in the case of an authority of a city, the city and
13 the area within one (1) mile of the territorial
14 boundaries thereof, except that the area of operation
15 of an authority of any city shall not include any area
16 which lies within the territorial boundaries of some
17 other city-;

18 (2) b. in the case of an authority of a county, all of the
19 county for which it is created-. Provided, that a
20 county authority shall not undertake any project
21 within the boundaries of any city unless a resolution
22 shall have been adopted by the governing body of the
23 city and by any authority which shall have been
24 theretofore established and authorized to exercise its

1 powers in the city declaring that there is need for
2 the county authority to exercise its powers within
3 that city. No authority shall operate in any area in
4 which an authority already established is operating
5 without the consent by resolution of the authority
6 already operating therein-, and

7 c. in the case of an authority of a city or of a county
8 and only for the purpose of construction or
9 rehabilitation projects, beginning on the effective
10 date of this act, anywhere within this state;
11 provided, such city or county housing authority has
12 consulted with the city, county or counties, and all
13 other active and duly certified city and county
14 housing authorities, if any, where the project or
15 projects are located;

16 (g) 8. "Federal government" includes means the United States of
17 America, the ~~Public Housing Administration~~ United States Department
18 of Housing and Urban Development, or any other agency or
19 instrumentality, corporate or otherwise, of the United States of
20 America-;

21 (h) 9. "Slum" means any area where dwellings predominate which
22 by reason of dilapidation~~r;~~ overcrowding~~r;~~ faulty arrangement or
23 design~~r;~~ lack of ventilation, light, or sanitary facilities~~r;~~ or any

1 combination of these factors, are detrimental to safety, health, and
2 morals;,

3 (i) 10. "Housing project" or "project" means any work or
4 undertaking on contiguous or noncontiguous sites:

5 (1) a. to demolish, clear, or remove buildings from any
6 slum area,

7 (2) b. to provide or assist in providing (by any suitable
8 method, including, but not limited to: rental; sale
9 of individual units in single or multifamily
10 structures under a conventional, condominium, or
11 cooperative sales contract; lease-purchase agreement;
12 loans; or subsidizing of rentals or charges for
13 housing projects located within the territorial
14 boundaries of the authority of a city or county but
15 excluding the expanded area of operation as defined in
16 subparagraph c of paragraph 7 of this section) decent,
17 safe,, and sanitary urban or rural dwellings,
18 apartments, or other living accommodations for persons
19 of low income, or

20 (3) c. to accomplish a combination of ~~the foregoing~~
21 subparagraphs a and b of this paragraph. Such work or
22 undertaking may include buildings, land, equipment,
23 facilities, and other real or personal property for
24 necessary, convenient,, or desirable appurtenances;

1 streets, sewers, water service, utilities, parks, site
2 preparation, and landscaping; and facilities for
3 administrative, community, health, recreational,
4 welfare, or other purposes. The term "~~housing~~
5 ~~project~~" housing project or "~~project~~" project also may
6 be applied to the planning of the buildings and
7 improvements, the acquisition of property or any
8 interest therein, the demolition of existing
9 structures, the construction, reconstruction,
10 rehabilitation, alteration, or repair of the
11 improvements and all other work in connection
12 therewith; and the term shall include all other real
13 and personal property and all tangible or intangible
14 assets held or used in connection with the housing
15 project-;

16 (j) 11. "Persons of low income" ~~shall mean~~ means persons or
17 families who lack the amount of income which is necessary (as
18 determined by the authority undertaking the housing project) to
19 enable them, without financial assistance, to live in decent, safe,
20 and sanitary dwellings, without overcrowding-; however, the local
21 housing authority shall not exceed the guidelines in establishing
22 incomes set forth by the United States Department of Housing and
23 Urban Development-;

1 (k) 12. "Bonds" means any bonds, notes, interim certificates,
2 debentures, or other obligations issued by an authority pursuant to
3 ~~this act.~~ the Oklahoma Housing Authorities Act;

4 (l) 13. "Real property" ~~includes~~ means all lands, including
5 improvements and fixtures thereon, and property of any nature
6 appurtenant thereto, or used in connection therewith, and every
7 estate, interest, and right, legal or equitable, therein including
8 terms for years-;

9 (m) 14. "Obligee of an authority" or "obligee" ~~includes~~ means
10 any bondholder, agent or trustee for any bondholder, or lessor
11 demising to the authority property used in connection with a
12 project, or any assignee or assignees of such lessor's interest or
13 any part thereof, and the federal government when it is a party to
14 any contract with the authority-;

15 (n) 15. "Persons engaged in national defense activities" means
16 persons in the Armed Forces of the United States~~,~~ employees of the
17 Department of Defense~~,~~ and workers engaged or to be engaged in
18 activities connected with national defense. The term also includes
19 the families of the persons, employees, and workers who reside with
20 them-;

21 (o) 16. "Major disaster" means any flood, drought, fire,
22 hurricane, tornado, earthquake, storm, or other catastrophe which,
23 in the determination of the governing body, is of sufficient
24 severity and magnitude to warrant the use of available resources of

1 the federal, state, and local governments to alleviate the damage,
2 hardship, or suffering caused thereby.; and

3 ~~(p)~~ 17. "State public body" means any city, county, municipal
4 corporation, commission, district, authority, agency, subdivision,
5 or public body of the state.

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7 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT, dated
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