

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 333

3 By: Haste of the Senate

4 and

5 Lawson of the House

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

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

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

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

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

19 (b) 2. "City" means any incorporated city or town in the
20 state~~s~~;

21 (c) 3. "County" means any county in the state~~s~~;

22 (d) 4. "Governing body" means, in the case of a city, the
23 council or other governing body of the city in which is vested

1 legislative authority customarily imposed on the city council, and,
2 in the case of a county, the board of county commissioners.;

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

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

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

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

15 (b) b. in the case of an authority of a county, all of the
16 county for which it is created. Provided, that a
17 county authority shall not undertake any project
18 within the boundaries of any city unless a resolution
19 shall have been adopted by the governing body of the
20 city and by any authority which shall have been
21 theretofore established and authorized to exercise its
22 powers in the city declaring that there is need for
23 the county authority to exercise its powers within
24 that city. No authority shall operate in any area in

which an authority already established is operating without the consent by resolution of the authority already operating therein., and

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

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

(h) 9. "Slum" means any area where dwellings predominate which by reason of dilapidation, overcrowding, faulty arrangement or design, lack of ventilation, light, or sanitary facilities, or any combination of these factors, are detrimental to safety, health, and morals.;

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

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

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

(3) c. to accomplish a combination of ~~the foregoing~~
subparagraphs a and b of this paragraph. Such work or
undertaking may include buildings, land, equipment,
facilities, and other real or personal property for
necessary, convenient, or desirable appurtenances;
streets, sewers, water service, utilities, parks, site
preparation, and landscaping; and facilities for
administrative, community, health, recreational,
welfare, or other purposes. The term "~~housing~~

1 project" housing project or "project" project also may
2 be applied to the planning of the buildings and
3 improvements, the acquisition of property or any
4 interest therein, the demolition of existing
5 structures, the construction, reconstruction,
6 rehabilitation, alteration, or repair of the
7 improvements and all other work in connection
8 therewith; and the term shall include all other real
9 and personal property and all tangible or intangible
10 assets held or used in connection with the housing
11 project.;

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

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

22 (l) 13. "Real property" includes means all lands, including
23 improvements and fixtures thereon, and property of any nature

1 appurtenant thereto, or used in connection therewith, and every
2 estate, interest, and right, legal or equitable, therein including
3 terms for years-;

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

10 (n) 15. "Persons engaged in national defense activities" means
11 persons in the Armed Forces of the United States, employees of the
12 Department of Defense, and workers engaged or to be engaged in
13 activities connected with national defense. The term also includes
14 the families of the persons, employees, and workers who reside with
15 them-;

16 (o) 16. "Major disaster" means any flood, drought, fire,
17 hurricane, tornado, earthquake, storm, or other catastrophe which,
18 in the determination of the governing body, is of sufficient
19 severity and magnitude to warrant the use of available resources of
20 the federal, state, and local governments to alleviate the damage,
21 hardship, or suffering caused thereby-; and

22 (p) 17. "State public body" means any city, county, municipal
23 corporation, commission, district, authority, agency, subdivision,
24 or public body of the state.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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2025.

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of Representatives