

Uniform Unlawful Restrictions in Land Records Act of 2024, Bill 25-669

**Before the
Committee of the Whole
The Honorable Phil Mendelson, Chairman**

Council of the District of Columbia

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Uniform Unlawful Restrictions in Land Records Act of 2024, Bill 25-669 (Bill).

In general, the Bill would allow property owners to remove unlawful restrictive covenants from the deeds to their properties and for condominiums and other property owner associations to remove unlawful restrictive covenants from their governing documents. The Bill prescribes the necessary provisions and requisites for an amendment removing the unlawful restriction and provides a form that a property owner may use for this purpose. However, no form for use by an owner association is provided. The Bill would require the Recorder of Deeds to index these amendments once they are recorded in the land records and cross-reference them to the documents being amended.

The Bill, as introduced, can be administered by the Recorder of Deeds. The Bill does not exempt these amendments from recordation fees, so the Recorder expects that the customary recording fees would apply.

The Recorder of Deeds is available to respond to any questions you may have regarding our views on the Bill.