

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
BILL NO. 333

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 3. "County" means any county in the state;i

23 ~~(c)~~ 4. "Governing body" means, in the case of a city, the  
24 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~~;~~i

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~~;~~i

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

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

9 ~~(1)~~ 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~~;~~i

15 ~~(2)~~ b. in the case of an authority of a county, all of the  
16 county for which it is created~~;~~i. 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

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

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

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

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

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



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,  
16 and 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,  
21 debentures, or other obligations issued by an authority pursuant to  
22 ~~this act.~~ the Oklahoma Housing Authorities Act;

23          ~~(l)~~ 13. "Real property" ~~includes~~ means all lands, including  
24 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.

