

Member Blonigan moved and Member Selman seconded a motion that the following resolution be read and adopted this 21st day of July, 2020.

RESOLUTION NO. 7832

A RESOLUTION INFORMING THE PUBLIC REGARDING RACIALLY RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS AND DIRECTING STAFF TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS TO THE PUBLIC OF THE PROCESS TO REMOVE SAID COVENANTS

WHEREAS, the City of Robbinsdale recognizes that it was developed in part using restrictive covenants that prevented non-white people from purchasing homes or occupying property in Robbinsdale; and

WHEREAS, an example of a racially restrictive covenant found in Robbinsdale reads as follows: "said premises shall be only sold, rented or otherwise disposed of to people of the Caucasian race"; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that the segregation that exists in and around the community today was planned and carried out through a coordinated effort by developers, governments (local, state, and federal), realtors, lawyers, and ordinary people and that it persists in housing patterns today; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that segregated housing patterns have resulted in an uneven distribution of wealth and in some of the largest racial disparities in the country in metrics such as income, homeownership, education, and health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, in 2019 the Minnesota Legislature amended Minnesota Statute 507.18 to allow property owners to renounce restrictive covenants on their property; and

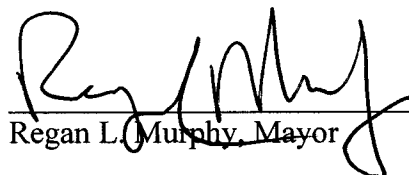
WHEREAS, the City has a responsibility to acknowledge the purposeful segregation of its past, identify the lasting effects of this abhorrent practice, and begin the process of unwinding the detrimental effects it has had on communities of color;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROBBINSDALE MINNESOTA that the public shall be informed of the existence and history of restrictive covenants found within the property records of homes in Robbinsdale and the City Manager is directed to provide the information on the covenants and instructions to property owners for renouncing restrictive covenants on their property titles via the city website and the city-wide newsletter scheduled to be delivered in late August, 2020.

The question was on the adoption of the resolution and upon a vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: **Selman, Backen, Blonigan, Rogan, Mayor Murphy**


and the following voted against the same: **None**

WHEREUPON SAID RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21ST DAY OF JULY, 2020.



Regan L. Murphy, Mayor

ATTEST:



John Tingley, City Clerk