

The following ordinance was involved in civil rights litigation in 1977:

ORDINANCE NO. 225

An Ordinance prescribing that portion of the City of Lubbock within which negroes and persons of African descent, containing as much as one-eighth negro blood, shall reside, except bona fide servants residing on the place where employed; forbidding persons to sell property outside of such district to negroes or persons containing as much as one-eighth negro blood; forbidding the rental of property outside such district to persons containing as much as one-eighth negro blood, providing penalties, and declaring an emergency account of negroes living in other districts and causing danger to health and pollution of the atmosphere.

Be it ordained by the City Council (Commission) of the City of Lubbock, Te

Section 1. No negro or persons of African descent or containing as much as one-eighth negro blood shall own property or reside thereon in any part of this city except that part lying South of 16th St. and East of Avenue C, and no person shall rent or lease to any such negro or person of African descent or one containing as much as one-eighth negro blood outside of the territory limits, as above.

Section 2. Section 1 shall not apply to bona fide servants living on the premises of their employer; provided that such servant or servants shall receive living quarters as a part of their compensation and that such servants shall be employed the major portion of their time by the family or persons on whose premises they reside.

Section 3. Any person violating any part of this Ordinance shall upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$200. and each trans- action or days residence shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 4. The fact that negroes and persons of African descent and persons containing as much as one-eighth negro blood are residing in various portions of this city and their residence is dangerous to the health and pollutes the earth and atmosphere, creates an emergency and necessity that the removal of the charter requiring an ordinance to be read at two several meetings be suspended and this ordinance be enacted at the meeting of its introduction and effective upon publication.

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1923.

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Mayor, City of Lubbock, Texas.

Attest:

J. R. Germany  
City Secretary  
City of Lubbock, Texas.