

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
EASTERN DIVISION**

**Covenant Weddings LLC and  
Kristi Stokes,**

Plaintiffs,

v.

**Cuyahoga County,**

Defendant.

Case No. 1:20-CV-01622

Judge James S. Gwin

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED AGREED  
JUDGMENT ENTRY**

Defendant Cuyahoga County and Plaintiffs Covenant Weddings LLC and Kristi Stokes have resolved this matter in accordance with the terms of the proposed judgment entry filed concurrently with this notice. All parties have agreed to the proposed judgment entry. Plaintiffs respectfully ask this Court to accept and enter the proposed judgment entry and retain jurisdiction only for the purposes of enforcing its terms.

Respectfully submitted this 23rd day of October, 2020.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on October 23, 2020, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system. I further certify that the foregoing notice will be sent to the Defendant via the Court's CM/ECF system.

*s/ Jonathan A. Scruggs*  
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**AGREED JUDGMENT ENTRY**

Defendant Cuyahoga County and Plaintiffs Covenant Weddings LLC and Kristi Stokes have resolved this matter according to the terms below. This Court accepts the parties' final resolution and enters the following Order:

**It is hereby ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED as follows:**

Defendant Cuyahoga County agrees not to enforce Cuyahoga County Code § 1501.02(C) ("Accommodations Clause") to compel Plaintiffs to offer officiating and writing services against their sincerely held religious beliefs for the following reasons:

1. Neither Kristi Stokes nor Covenant Weddings LLC currently qualify as a "place of public accommodation," as defined by Cuyahoga County Code § 1501.01(W), because they do not have a physical storefront from which they provide goods or services in Cuyahoga County, Ohio.
2. Even if Plaintiffs' services could be considered a place of public accommodation, the Accommodations Clause does not mandate or force Kristi Stokes, or any other minister, to officiate or solemnize weddings against their sincerely held religious beliefs.

3. Even if Plaintiffs' services could be considered a place of public accommodation, the "Accommodations Clause" does not mandate or force Kristi Stokes or Covenant Weddings LLC to author specific prayers, homilies, vows, or other writings that are inconsistent with their sincerely held religious beliefs.
4. Each party shall bear their own costs, including their attorneys' fees.
5. This Court retains jurisdiction of this case solely to enforce the terms of this order.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated:

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JAMES S. GWIN  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

WE HEREBY CONSENT TO THE FORM AND ENTRY OF THE ABOVE ORDER:

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