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# 42 U.S. Code § 2000cc

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## Protection of land use as religious exercise

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### **(a) Substantial burdens**

#### **(1) General rule**

No government shall impose or implement a land use regulation in a manner that imposes a substantial burden on the religious exercise of a person, including a religious assembly or institution, unless the government demonstrates that imposition of the burden on that person, assembly, or institution—

(A) is in furtherance of a compelling governmental interest; and

(B) is the least restrictive means of furthering that compelling governmental interest.

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