

Resolution No. 2

Date: 1/21/2016

City: Las Vegas, NV

NAHB Resolution

Title: Americans with Disabilities Act
Sponsor: Land Development Committee
Submitted by: Richard Smith

WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act is designed to prevent discrimination against persons with disabilities and ensure the lawful design and construction of accessible buildings, infrastructure, and public accommodations;

WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act applies to any type of public facilities including a residential development with community infrastructure and facilities, and multifamily projects with community centers or lease offices which are open to the public constructed as part of a government contract (federal, state, or local) or constructed with federal funds;

WHEREAS, there continues to be significant confusion about the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act; and

WHEREAS, clear federal guidance on complying with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act is essential to industry members and needs to be made available at the state and local levels,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) support the goals of the Americans with Disabilities Act;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NAHB should continue to urge the U.S. Department of Justice, the U.S. Access Board, the U.S. Department of Transportation, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and other stakeholders to expand outreach efforts on programs and initiatives to educate the construction industry about the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act and how to comply;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NAHB continue to support the Department of Justice as providing a safe harbor for complying with the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NAHB work with other interested groups, including building product manufacturers, disability advocates, land development groups, and real estate and construction groups to promote education, outreach and compliance with the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NAHB urge the Department of Justice to develop clear criteria for meeting the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NAHB advocate for legislative, regulatory, and legal changes to limit liability for those industry members who make a good faith effort to meet the requirements of the law.

Board of Directors Action:	Approved
Executive Board Action:	Recommends Approval
Resolutions Committee Action:	Recommends Approval
Construction, Codes and Standards Committee Action:	Recommends Approval
Land Development Committee Action:	Recommends Approval
NAHB Remodelers Board of Trustees Action:	Recommends Approval
55+ Housing Industry Council Board of Trustees Action:	Recommends Approval
Legal Action Committee Action:	Recommends Approval
Federal Government Affairs Committee Action:	Recommends Approval
Construction Liability, Risk Management and Building Materials Committee Action:	Recommends Approval
Single Family Builders Committee Action:	Recommends Approval
Multifamily Council Board of Trustees Action:	Recommends Approval