

NAHB Resolution

Title: Practice of Building Design
Sponsor: Construction, Codes & Standards Committee
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WHEREAS, building design is a central component of home building and an important consideration in making homes safe, decent and affordable for all people;

WHEREAS, who is allowed to design single- and two-family dwellings and townhouses is determined by state statute and architectural registration board regulations;

WHEREAS, given the similarities between townhouses and single- and two-family dwellings, many states allow design professionals, such as, but not limited to, architects, building designers, design-build firms, interior designers and/or remodelers, to design and/or contribute to the design of single-and two-family dwellings and townhouses; and

WHEREAS, states, local jurisdictions and architectural registration boards have inconsistently interpreted and implemented their laws and regulations, resulting in uncertainty in many areas as to who is authorized to design single- and two-family dwellings and townhouses,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) support the ability of home builders and consumers to choose among a variety of design professionals, such as, but not limited to, architects, building designers, design-build firms, interior designers and remodelers, to design to the International Residential Code© single- and two-family dwellings and townhouses; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NAHB, if requested, support and assist state and local home builders associations in their efforts to educate building officials on the variety of design professionals who have the ability to design single- and two-family dwellings and townhouses and find workable solutions regarding who may be allowed to design residential structures in their states/localities.

Board of Directors Action:	APPROVED
Executive Board Action:	Recommends Approval
Resolutions Committee Action:	Recommends Approval
Construction Codes & Standards Committee Action:	Recommends Approval
Custom Home Builders Committee Action:	Recommends Approval
State and Local Government Affairs Committee Action:	Recommends Approval
Design Committee Action:	Recommends Approval
Single Family Builders Committee Action:	Recommends Approval
Building Codes & Standards Subcommittee of the Construction, Codes & Standards Committee Action:	Recommends Approval