

Resolution No. 6

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City: Washington, DC

NAHB Resolution

Title: Codes and Standards in Federal Legislation and Alignment with Stakeholders  
Sponsor: Dallas Builders Association  
Submitted by: Matt Robinson

WHEREAS, NAHB has developed working relationships with the International Code Council and other stakeholders and organizations involved with and instrumental to the code development process;

WHEREAS, such relationships were formed and fostered to provide building codes that are reasonable, practical and cost-effective;

WHEREAS, building codes are often amended at the state and local level in the months following publication, typically resulting in additional gains in practicality and cost effectiveness;

WHEREAS, federal mandates or incentive funding in federal legislation calling for the adoption of codes or standards without adequate opportunity or authority for state and local jurisdictions to make amendments that account for local conditions are detrimental to the housing industry and harmful to housing affordability;

WHEREAS, NAHB opposes building codes or building code provisions that detract from the goal of providing safe and affordable housing to homeowners and home occupants; and

WHEREAS, NAHB supports jurisdictional flexibility to cost effectively amend locally-administered codes based on a coordinated set of national model building codes,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) strongly oppose any federal legislation, administrative or executive policy calling for or incentivizing the adoption of any model building code or standard that:

1. Is not either developed through a fair and open consensus process that provides for a “balance of interest” in voting, including representation of consumer interests, or subjected to the federal regulatory review process; or

2. Limits a state or local jurisdiction’s authority to make amendments to account for local conditions or provide more cost-effective and affordable provisions for local home buyers; or
3. Prevents a state or local jurisdiction from amending or enforcing at least the two (2) most recent versions of a user-friendly building code, such as the International Residential Code, that includes housing affordability as a major determinant in its development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NAHB develop and maintain working relationships with stakeholders and organizations involved in the code development process in furtherance of NAHB’s goal of providing safe and affordable housing inclusive of jurisdictional flexibility and beneficial to the housing industry.

Leadership Council Action:	APPROVED
Resolutions Committee Action:	Recommends Approval
Construction, Codes & Standards Committee Action:	Recommends Approval
State and Local Government Affairs Committee Action:	Recommends Approval
Single Family Builders Committee Action:	Recommends Approval
Federal Government Affairs Committee Action:	Recommends Approval
Building Codes & Standards Subcommittee of the Construction, Codes & Standards Committee Action:	Recommends Approval
Multifamily Council Board of Trustees Action:	Recommends Approval