

Resolution No. 4

Date: June 7, 2002

City: Washington, D.C.

NAHB Resolution

Title: Fire Life Safety Policy
Original Sponsor: Fire Safety Working Group of the Construction, Codes and Standards Committee

WHEREAS, the National Association of Home Builders is vitally concerned with the safety of all home owners and tenants;

WHEREAS, NAHB supports consumer fire safety education and cost-effective residential fire protection technologies based on sound analytical data;

WHEREAS, the exemplary safety record of newer housing, evidenced by the major decrease in civilian deaths in residential fires, is due to numerous significant fire protection features that are presently incorporated into new housing and which provide superior life safety for the occupants of new residential construction; and

WHEREAS, NAHB opposes mandatory fire protection systems - principally residential sprinkler systems - which are not cost effective, and opposes their incorporation into national model and local building codes and ordinances,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Association of Home Builders support an affirmative program of fire safety for residential construction whose principal components are life safety improvements and cost-effectiveness,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NAHB continue to oppose mandatory residential sprinklers for multifamily low-rise and single-family residential construction and other fire protection techniques that do not enhance the safety of occupants and are not cost effective, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NAHB pursue alliances with organizations that support fire safety, consumer safety education and housing affordability.

Board of Directors Action:	Approved
Joint Executive/Resolutions Committee Action:	Recommends Approval
Resolutions Committee Action:	Recommends Approval
Remodelors Council Action:	Recommends Approval
Single Family Production Builders Action:	Recommends Approval
Single Family Small Volume Builders Action:	Recommends Approval
Multifamily Council Board of Trustees Action:	Recommends Approval
Research Committee Action:	Recommends Approval
State and Local Government Affairs Committee Action:	Recommends Approval
Construction, Codes and Standards Committee Action:	Recommends Approval
Building Codes Subcommittee of the Construction, Codes and Standards Committee Action:	Recommends Approval
Fire Safety Working Group of the Construction, Codes and Standards Committee Action:	Recommends Approval