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City: Washington, DC

NAHB Recommendation

Title: Carbon in Housing
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WHEREAS, the Biden Administration has made climate change a national priority, pledged a goal of zero emissions overall by 2050, and taken several steps to study embodied carbon and promote new technologies and lower-emissions products;

WHEREAS, in addition to electrification and energy codes, many are now looking at the embodied and operational carbon from construction and use of buildings, including homes, as a pathway to further reductions;

WHEREAS, reducing carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions can include complex calculations, tradeoffs, reporting and recordkeeping requirements, and changes to material selection;

WHEREAS, any of these compliance options could change the way our members build, increase costs, and put housing further out of reach for many American families;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RECOMMENDED that the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) develop policy on carbon in housing to be considered at the 2024 Fall Leadership Council Meeting;

BE IT FURTHER RECOMMENDED that NAHB create a working group that includes members of the Construction, Codes, and Standards Committee, the Climate Risk and Sustainability Committee, the Environmental Issues Committee, and other members knowledgeable on this topic;

BE IT FURTHER RECOMMENDED that the working group consider how policies to address carbon affect access to and affordability of new housing;

Leadership Council Action: Approved

This recommendation was submitted after the 30-day deadline and will require a two-thirds majority for approval by the Leadership Council.

2024 Spring Leadership Meeting

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Check one of the four boxes below:

- This recommendation requires additional budget appropriations, which will be presented and considered as part of NAHB's normal budget review process. The amount of the new budget request to be presented to the NAHB Budget Committee is _____.
- The above recommendation can be implemented using already approved budget and staff resources, but may require some shifting of priorities in terms of staff time and other resources. The preliminary cost estimates for implementing the above recommendation are (**bold** one):
- Less than \$20,000.
 - Between \$20,000 and \$50,000.
 - Between \$50,000 and \$100,000.
 - More than \$100,000.
- Impractical to provide a preliminary cost estimate at this time.
- No cost implications.