

Resolution No. 19

Date: May 15, 1992

City: Washington, D.C.

NAHB Resolution

Title: Building Codes for Affordable Housing
Original Sponsor: Building Industry Association of Washington

WHEREAS, restrictive codes increase the cost of housing unnecessarily;

WHEREAS, the three nationally recognized building codes provide for adequate fire and life safety;

WHEREAS, county, city and state building codes are parochial, elitist and exclusive;

WHEREAS, the three national codes are adopted by organizations whose only voting members are public building officials and fire chiefs and not persons in private building industry;

WHEREAS, the federal government desires that housing be affordable;

WHEREAS, the Department of Housing and Urban Development desires affordable uniform codes; and

WHEREAS, no more than the nationally accepted standards and codes should be the maximum codes required by local governments,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the National Association of Home Builders that the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development be requested to withhold federal grants and loans to those states that use building codes that exceed the national model building codes, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this HUD restriction should also apply to any other stand-alone law that deals with a building code.

Board of Directors Action:	Approved
Joint Executive/Resolutions Committee Action:	Recommends Approval
Resolutions Committee Action:	Recommends Approval
Committee on Construction and Codes Action:	Recommends Approval