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Board of Directors
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RE: NAHB Support of the International Plumbing Code

Dear Members of the ICC Board of Directors:

The National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) is a major stakeholder in the development and updates of the International Residential Code (IRC). The plumbing code requirements contained in the International Plumbing Code (IPC) are an important component of the International Residential Code. Together, the IPC and IRC plumbing requirements are the most widely used plumbing provisions in the United States.

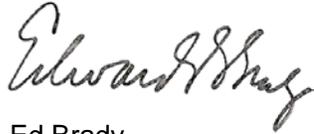
The IPC is designed to protect public health and safety through provisions that do not unnecessarily increase construction costs or restrict the use of new materials, products or methods of construction. Additionally, no preferential treatment is specified to particular types or classes of materials, products, or methods of construction. NAHB has supported the development and adoption of the International Plumbing Code, since its inception in 1996 because:

- The IPC is the predominant plumbing code that is used throughout the construction industry and is currently adopted in 36 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.
- The IPC code provisions are the foundation for the plumbing code requirements in the International Residential Code. The IRC is a comprehensive, stand-alone residential code that brings together building, mechanical, fuel gas, energy, electrical, and plumbing provisions for one- and two-family residences.
- The IPC is coordinated and correlated with all I-Codes providing uniformity and consistency which reduces both construction costs and issues with design.
- The IPC provides greater design flexibility for builders, especially with the introduction of siphonic roof drainage technology providing savings for builders through reduced pipe diameters, less below grade drainage and reduced trenching requirements.
- The IPC provides environmental benefits including routing to retention and reclamation systems.
- The IPC also allows sidewall vent terminations as an alternative to roof penetrations resulting in cost savings.

Like all I-Codes, the IPC was developed and is maintained through the ICC Governmental Consensus Process that strikes a balance between the latest technology, new building products, installation techniques, economics, and cost effectiveness while providing for the most recent advances in public safety and installation techniques. It is an open, inclusive process that encourages input from all individuals and groups.

NAHB is pleased to reiterate its support of the International Plumbing Code.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed Brady". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "E".

Ed Brady
2016 NAHB Chairman of the Board