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# NAHB Urges Congress to Ease Regulatory Burdens to Help Housing Affordability

The best way to ease the nation's housing affordability crisis is for policymakers to eliminate excessive regulations that are preventing builders from increasing the housing supply, the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) told Congress.

Testifying at a congressional panel hearing focusing on housing affordability, Buddy Hughes, chairman of NAHB and a home builder and developer from Lexington, N.C., said that in order to ease housing constraints for home buyers and renters, it is imperative to eliminate excessive regulations that hinder the construction of new homes and apartments.

"Regulations account for nearly 25% of the cost of a single-family home and more than 40% of the cost of a typical apartment development," said Hughes. "The time and costs associated with complying with a multitude of government regulations can be significant for small- and medium-sized builders and ultimately limit housing supply."

Increased regulations, including overly stringent mandatory energy code requirements, are impeding the ability of builders to boost housing production. In particular, Hughes cited an April 2024 final determination by HUD and the USDA that required new single-family and multifamily homes financed by these agencies to comply with the 2021 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) or ASHRAE. The Trump Administration has delayed the effective date for both single-family and multifamily housing until May 2026.

"NAHB urges Congress and the administration to prohibit HUD and USDA from enforcing a minimum energy standard that increases housing costs during a nationwide affordability crisis," said Hughes. "We also urge policymakers to respect state and local authority over code adoption and to reject mandates that most states have not determined are appropriate for their communities."

For multifamily projects with federal assistance, a key challenge for builders and developers is the requirement to source domestically for construction.

"While our members try to use products made within the U.S., it's not always practical because of price or availability," said Hughes. "Multifamily housing needs an exemption from this requirement to help avoid construction delays and additional costs."

Hughes also cited labor regulations such as the Davis-Bacon Act, which add to housing costs by requiring prevailing wage rates for construction projects. These are based on union wage rates that do not reflect local market conditions. On top of higher labor costs, builders face extensive paperwork, weekly payroll certifications, and compliance risks. Even a minor or technical mistake can result in major financial penalties.

"NAHB looks forward to working with policymakers to enact sensible regulatory reforms to help break the rising housing cost curve and allow builders to produce more attainable, affordable housing," said Hughes.



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**Tuesday, February 17**

**6:00pm**

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## Upcoming Events

### February 3

**Membership Mixer**

**Nexstar Media Group | WOWK  
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### February 17

**Membership Dinner**

**Carver Career & Technical Center**

### February 17-19

**International Business Show (IBS)  
Orlando, FL**

### March 10

**Membership Mixer**

**Tim Hogans Design Gallery**

### March 17

**HBAGC Board Meeting**

### April 10-11-12

**West Virginia Home Show  
Charleston Convention Center**

### April 25

**HBAWV Spring Meeting  
Cedar Lakes**

### April 30

**Membership Mixer**

**Nitro Carpet Outlet & Design Center**

### May 19

**HBAGC Board Meeting**

### May 21

**Membership Mixer**

**In Stitches Embroidery**

### June TBD

**Membership Mixer**

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The Home Builders Association of Greater Charleston established the scholarship in 1990 in honor of Henry E. King, a member of our association for many years. He was a compassionate individual who touched so many lives.

The scholarship is administered by the Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation and is open to our companies who have been members for at least one full year . . . owners, employees and their immediate family members who are enrolled part time or full time in an accredited college/university or vocational/trade school training program.

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# Top Color Trends for 2026

Paint manufacturers have announced their **colors of the year** for 2026. Color experts at Sherwin-Williams, for example, named Universal Khaki as their color of the year.

Other top choices among the neutrals include:

- Dutch Boy (Melodious Ivory)
- Minwax (Special Walnut)
- Pantone (Cloud Dancer)

Selections among the more luxurious hues include:

- Graham & Brown (Divine Damson)
- Benjamin Moore (Silhouette)
- Krylon (Matte Coffee Bean)
- Clark + Kensington (Hazelnut Crunch)
- Glidden (Warm Mahogany)

Choices among trendy greens include:

- Behr (Hidden Gem)
- Dunn-Edwards (Midnight Garden) and
- Valspar (Warm Eucalyptus)



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