

KANSAS LEGISLATIVE AGENDA – 2012
(As Approved by the HBA Board of Directors 12/20/2011)

Growth Management: The HBA opposes limits on new development, including impact fees, urban growth boundaries and excise taxes.

State Wide Building Codes: The HBA opposes any legislation creating a uniform statewide building code.

Licensing Issues: The HBA opposes license and/or registration legislation on a statewide basis. The HBA believes licensure is best addressed at the local level.

Recording Fees: The HBA opposes any additional fees on recording instruments.

Green Building: The HBA supports initiatives to promote the use of green building technology in residential construction, but does not support government mandated use of specific guidelines, such as the LEED Program.

Tax Credits: The HBA supports any tax credit or grant from the state level for new home buyers.

Tax Policy: The HBA strongly supports maintaining enacted tax reductions and opposes removing exemptions key to economic growth, including the exemptions for construction and professional services. The HBA is opposed to any changes in state tax policy adversely impacting homeownership.

Unemployment Compensation Fund: The HBA supports the refunding of the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund by means that are fair, reasonable, and balanced.

Workers Compensation: The HBA supports protecting the affordability of the workers compensation system and maintaining the requirement that all in the construction industry carry the insurance.

Education Funding: While recognizing the connection between economic development and quality education, the HBA supports revising the current education funding formula. These measures should include funding based on actual costs, administrative consolidation, and further expansion of local funding options.

Fire Sprinklers in Residential Structures: Fire sprinklers in one and two family residences should remain a consumer option. Currently no political jurisdiction is allowed to adopt mandatory fire sprinklers in their residential building code.

Repeal Platting and Taxation Requirements – The HBA supports repealing the provisions of KSA 19-1207 implemented with Senate Bill 193 (2011). The HBA opposes paying a tax before it is levied and the burdensome efforts associated with estimating, collecting and refunding the projected tax bill.