

## **MISSOURI LEGISLATIVE AGENDA – 2012**

**(As Approved by the HBA Board of Directors 12/20/2011)**

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

**Building Codes:** The HBAM supports enabling legislation to allow third class counties the ability to adopt their own building codes. The HBAM opposes any legislation creating a uniform statewide building or energy code.

**Licensing Issues:** The HBAM opposes license and/or registration legislation for home builders. HBAM has also opposed mandatory statewide licensing of home inspectors. The HBAM believes licensure is best addressed at the local level.

**Workers Compensation Reform:** The HBAM supports the requirement that everyone in the construction industry carry workers' compensation insurance. The HBAM also supports legislation that requires co-employees to be released from liability for negligence in performing the non-delegable duty of an employer to provide a safe workplace when the negligence contributes to injury or death.

**Homeowner Warranty & Recovery Fund:** HBAM opposes statutory home warranties and any fees to cover the potential litigated damages of homeowners. Instead, HBAM encourages homeowner association boards and builders to work cooperatively to identify legitimate problems and to develop reasonable and cost-effective solutions without the need for costly and time-consuming litigation.

**Mechanics Lien Law:** The HBAM continues to monitor/gather data regarding additional costs and logistical challenges of industry compliance with mechanic's lien legislation passed in 2010.

**Power of Fire Protection Districts:** The HBAM supports legislation which would curb the powers of fire protection districts, especially as those powers overlap with city or county controlled issues. HBAM does not support multiple municipalities of government entities charging service fees for the same inspections.

**Recording Fees:** The HBAM generally opposes any additional fees proposed on recording instruments.

**Land Disturbance Fees:** HBAM opposes any significant or unwarranted increases in land disturbance fees imposed by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources that do not have a direct nexus to timeliness or effectiveness of the program.

**Green Building:** HBAM supports non-mandatory initiatives to promote the use of green building technology in residential construction. HBA supports flexibility in guidelines and certification programs which include standards such as the ICC 700-2008 National Green Building Standard™ and its related National Green Building Certification.