



GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATE

A weekly review of government issues & activities important to the home building industry

Monday, August 16, 2010

EPA Storm Water Rules to be Revised

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has been forced to withdraw a key portion of new storm water management regulations for builders and developers and devise new ones based on better research. The move is the result of a lawsuit filed by the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) and petitions filed by both NAHB and the federal Small Business Administration Office of Advocacy asking the agency to revise its new Effluent Limitation Guidelines (ELGs) for the construction and development industry. Published in December 2009, the ELG imposed a nationally applicable--and potentially impossible-to-meet--limit of 280 "turbidity units" on storm water discharges from construction sites disturbing 10 or more acres of land at one time. While the ruling removes the numeric limit, the other requirements of the ELG remain in place. EPA is expected to issue interim storm water management guidance for construction site operators as the agency works to refine the rule.

Comments Needed on New IRS Reporting Requirements

NAHB is asking our members and their accounting and tax professional contacts to submit comments and recommendations on new information reporting requirements from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that will go into effect in 2012. The change, which was included in recently enacted healthcare reform legislation, is expected to increase the paperwork requirements of most businesses across the country. The new law creates a whole new class of transactions that must be reported to the agency by requiring that all businesses file information returns, generally using IRS Form 1099, for entities to which they made payments of more than \$600 in a given year. NAHB has opposed this provision as a costly and unfair administrative burden, particularly for small businesses, that will be ineffective in raising government revenue. NAHB will be submitting comments on behalf of the residential construction sector to the Treasury Department and IRS later this month, and making technical recommendations to reduce the rule's administrative burden. Please e-mail your suggested technical recommendations to [Robert Dietz](mailto:rdietz@nahb.org) at rdietz@nahb.org or contact him at 800-368-5242, x8285.

BUILD-PAC TV Drawing

Now through the South Dakota Home Builders State Convention, for every \$20 donation to BUILD-PAC, you can be entered into a drawing for a new television. For example, a \$100 donation will get your name entered 5 times in the drawing. Donations can be made in the form of cash or a personal check. Contact Dwight at the SD Home Builder's office for additional details at (605) 224-02761.

2011-2015 Transportation Improvements Program Approved

The Urbanized Development Commission of the Sioux Falls Metropolitan Organization last week approved the 2011-2015 Transportation Improvements Program (TIP). The 2011-2015 TIP for the Sioux Falls area represents a five-year listing of fiscally constrained, prioritized transportation improvements. The 2011 TIP includes the Solberg Avenue & I-229 Overpass and various other street improvements associated with development and growth. A copy of the 2011-2015 TIP including specific project listings is available at www.hbasiouxempire.com by logging into the Members Section and selecting Government Affairs.

IN THE WEEK AHEAD

Sioux Falls City Council Meeting

The Sioux Falls City Council will meet today on Monday, August 16 at 7:00 p.m. at Carnegie Town Hall, 235 W. 10th St. The following issue will be discussed:

- 2nd Reading of an Ordinance Authorizing the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks to Issue Permits to Citizens Allowing Them to Hunt Game in Said City as Found in Sections 7-14 and 26-53 of the Revised Ordinances of Sioux Falls.

Minnehaha County Commission Meeting

The Minnehaha County Commission will meet on Tuesday, August 17 at 9:00 a.m. at the Minnehaha County Administration Building, 415 North Dakota Avenue. Among the issues to be discussed:

- Public Hearing to Consider Text Amendments to the 1990 Revised Zoning Ordinance for Minnehaha County to Create a Definition for Adaptive Reuse and to Make Adaptive Reuse a Conditional Use District, and RC Recreation/Conservation District
- Consider Resolution to give Tax Deed 2520 to the City of Sioux Falls.

Infrastructure Review Advisory Board

The Infrastructure Review Advisory Board will meet on Wednesday, August 18 at 8:30 am at the Oak View Library, 3700 E. 3rd St. The following issue will be discussed:

- Sioux Falls Wastewater Regionalization Study

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For additional information on any of the issues listed above, please contact the HBASE's Government Affairs Director, Todd Anawski at 361-8322 or todd@hbasiouxempire.com