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## HB 2570: planning; home design; restrictions; prohibition Sponsor: Representative Biasiucci, LD 30 Caucus & COW

#### **Overview**

Creates municipal prohibitions relating to home designs and single-family home lot sizes.

#### **History**

Pursuant to <u>A.R.S. § 9-462.01</u>, the legislative body of any municipality by ordinance, to conserve and promote the public health, safety and general welfare, may:

- 1) regulate the use of buildings, structures and land between agriculture residence, industry and business;
- 2) regulate the location, height, bulk, number of stories and size of buildings and structures, the size and use of lots, yards, courts and other open spaces, the percentage of a lot that may be occupied by a building or structure, access to incident solar energy and the intensity of land use;
- 3) establish requirements for off-street parking and loading;
- 4) establish and maintain building setback lines; and
- 5) establish floodplain and age-specific community zoning districts and districts of historical significance.

A municipal planning agency cannot require as part of a subdivision regulation or zoning ordinance that a subdivider or developer establish an association. A subdivider or develop cannot be penalized because a real estate subdivision or development does not include a planned community. A municipality may require a subdivider or developer to establish an association to maintain private, common or community owned improvements that are approved and installed as part of a preliminary plat, final plat or specific plat. A municipality cannot require that an association be formed or operated other than for the maintenance of common areas or community owned property. (A.R.S. § 9-461.15)

### **Provisions**

- 1. Prevents a municipality from interfering with a home buyer's right to choose the home design features, amenities, structure, floor plan and interior and exterior design. (Sec. 1)
- 2. Prohibits a municipality from requiring:
  - a) a homeowners' association, condominium association or any other association;
  - b) a shared feature or amenity that would require a homeowners' association, condominium association or any other association to maintain or operate the feature or amenity, unless necessary for stormwater management;
  - c) screening, walls or fences; or
  - d) private streets or roads. (Sec. 1)

 $\Box$  Prop 105 (45 votes)  $\Box$  Prop 108 (40 votes)  $\Box$  Emergency (40 votes)  $\Box$  Fiscal Note

- 3. Stipulates property owners may voluntarily form or establish a homeowners' association, condominium association or any other association. (Sec. 1)
- 4. Asserts the planning and home design prohibitions do not supersede applicable building codes, fire codes or public health and safety regulations. (Sec. 1)
- 5. Prohibits a municipality that is designed in whole or in part as an urban area with a population of more than 50,000 persons from adopting or enforcing any code, ordinance, regulation or other requirement establishing:
  - a) maximum or minimum lot sizes on which a single-family home may be located;
  - b) minimum square footage or dimensions for a single-family home;
  - c) maximum or minimum lot coverage for single-family home and any accessory structures;
  - d) minimum building setbacks greater than five feet for a single-family home; or
  - e) design, architectural or aesthetic elements for a single-family home. (Sec. 1)
- 6. Asserts the prohibitions relating to lot sizes and setbacks do not supersede applicable building codes, fire codes or public health safety regulations. (Sec. 1)
- 7. Cites this Act as the Arizona Starter Homes Act. (Sec. 2)