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**Citizens, Not Special Interests, Should Decide Residential Building Design Standards**

**House Bill 937** would preempt citizens from working with locally elected officials to establish residential building design standards that are appropriate for each community and differ throughout the state. This legislation cuts to the core of all local governments' home rule powers and undermines residents' input in local the community planning processes already in place.

**House Bill 937** would prohibit cities and counties from limiting or prohibiting, either directly or indirectly, any state code-approved building material, product or construction practice for single-family homes.

Local residential building design standards for aesthetic purposes would be outlawed, since the only allowed local building code amendments in current law have to be based solely on local climatic, geologic, topographic, or public safety factors.

Just like the aim of House Bill 302, this legislation would preempt local government design standards on all of the following:

- Type or style of exterior cladding material;
- Style or materials of roof structures or porches;
- Exterior nonstructural architectural ornamentation;
- Location or architectural styling of windows and doors, including garage doors;
- The number and types of rooms;
- The interior layout of rooms; and
- Types of foundation structures approved under state minimum standard codes.



## **Local Governments that Passed Resolutions Supporting Local Decision Making for Residential Building Design Standards**

Alpharetta	Grayson	Rockdale Co.
Alto	Glynn Co.	Rome
Americus	Hampton	Roswell
Baldwin Co.	Hawkinsville	Royston
Ball Ground	Henry Co.	Sandy Springs
Barrow Co.	Hiram	Scotland
Braselton	Hogansville	Smyrna
Butts Co.	Jackson	Snellville
Canton	Jackson Co.	Social Circle
Centerville	Jefferson	South Fulton
Chattahoochee Hills	Jefferson Co.	St. Mary
Cherokee Co.	Johns Creek	Stockbridge
Columbia Co.	Jonesboro	Sugar Hill
Columbus	LaGrange	Sumter Co.
Colquitt Co.	Lamar Co.	Telfair Co.
Cook Co.	Lawrenceville	Thomson
Conyers	Lee Co.	Tift Co.
Covington	Lilburn	Tucker
Dacula	Lithonia	Twin City
Dahlonega	Louisville	Union City
Dallas	Lula	Valdosta
Dalton	McDonough	Vidalia
Dawsonville	McRae-Helena	Vienna
Decatur	Marietta	Walton Co.
Dougherty Co.	Macon Co.	Watkinsville
Douglas Co.	Milton	Waycross
Douglasville	Monroe	White
Dublin	Morgan Co.	White Co.
Dunwoody	Moultrie	Woodstock
East Point	Newnan	
Eastman	Oakwood	
Fairburn	Oconee Co.	
Flowery Branch	Perry	
Forsyth Co.	Polk Co.	
Gainesville	Putnam Co.	
Grovetown	Rayle	