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Appeal No.: BCC-AP25000024  
Construction Code Appeal  
John Henderson vs. City of Kalamazoo

### FINAL DECISION OF THE BOARD OF MECHANICAL RULES

On February 18, 2026 at 611 West Ottawa Avenue, Upper Level Conference Room 4, Lansing, MI 48933, the Board of Mechanical Rules (“Board”) was presented with an application for construction code appeal submitted by John Henderson of Emanuelson-Podas on behalf of Friendship Village Independent Living Building. Notification was made on February 2, 2026, to John Henderson that this matter would be addressed by the Board at its meeting on February 18, 2026. The Board acknowledged receipt of the application for appeal on February 18, 2026, reviewed it and all materials provided, and considered the matter at a public meeting on that date. The Board considered the appeal pursuant to Section 16(2) of the Stille-DeRossett-Hale Single State Construction Code Act, 1972 PA 230, MCL 125.1516(2).

John Henderson and Sam Michael of Emanuelson-Podas appeared before and presented to the Board on behalf of Friendship Village Independent Living Building.

Following discussion and consideration of the written materials provided and verbal presentation given by John Henderson and Sam Michael, a motion was made, supported, and passed unanimously to affirm the decision of the City of Kalamazoo’s Building Board of Appeals to deny the appeal which requested an alternate approval based on American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) standards and testing, or the 2027 International Mechanical Code (IMC) amendments that applicant indicates adopts the ASHRAE standards because the City of Kalamazoo has not adopted the 2027 IMC and has no known date of adoption.

THEREFORE, it is the final decision of the Board of Mechanical Rules to affirm the decision of the City of Kalamazoo’s Building Board of Appeals to deny John Henderson’s construction code appeal. for relief from the requirements of the Michigan Mechanical Code, Sections 1109.2.5 and 1109.3.2. A person aggrieved by this decision may petition the Construction Code Commission to review the decision, as provided in MCL 125.1516.

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Jason Finch, Chairperson  
Board of Mechanical Rules

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2-25-26  
Date

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