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To Whom it May Concern -

I am writing on behalf of the Home Builders Association of Greater Kansas City (KCHBA) in support of the 2024 building codes package recommended for approval by the Development Services Staff of the City of Lee's Summit.

KCHBA is a group of industry professionals serving the communities and residents of the greater Kansas City metropolitan area by promoting housing opportunities. Comprising nearly 600 member companies, KCHBA represents an industry that contributes more than \$1.5 billion annually to the regional economy and supports more than 20,000 jobs. Our association promotes homeownership through education, research, and community outreach, with a strong focus on ensuring that housing remains attainable for individuals and families at all income levels.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our position on the recommended 2024 building codes package. We believe the city has taken a thoughtful and balanced approach that advances modern building standards while recognizing the importance of housing affordability. Adopting updated building codes provides consistency, improves safety, and incorporates advancements in building science. At the same time, the proposed local amendments demonstrate the City's understanding that overly burdensome or rapidly implemented requirements can unintentionally increase construction costs, placing additional pressure on home prices and limiting opportunities for homeownership. By carefully evaluating which provisions to amend locally, the City is helping ensure that new homes remain safe, durable, and energy efficient without creating unnecessary cost barriers, supporting attainable housing and allowing builders to continue delivering high-quality homes at price points accessible to a broader segment of the community. While there are certain provisions within the electrical portion of the proposed code that we feel are not necessary to ensure a safe home, we believe on balance the presented package represents an appropriate path for the city of Lee's Summit.

We appreciate the City's willingness to engage stakeholders in this process and its commitment to policies that support both responsible development and attainable homeownership. KCHBA stands ready to continue working collaboratively to ensure that building regulations strengthen our community while preserving opportunities for families to achieve the dream of homeownership. Thank you for your consideration.

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