

**CITY OF HARTFORD  
COUNTY OF VAN BUREN  
STATE OF MICHIGAN  
RESOLUTION 2025 – 019**



**RESOLUTION TO APPOINT DEPUTY BUILDING, MECHANICAL & ELECTRICAL INSPECTORS**

At a Regular meeting of the City of Hartford Commission at 19 West Main Street called to order by Mayor Richard A. Hall on March 24, 2025 at 5:30pm.

The following resolution was offered:

Moved by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and supported by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_.

**WHEREAS**, the City, Residents and Contractors have not been satisfied with Safebuilt's building inspection services, the City has received multiple complaints from Contractors, Residents, and Elected Officials regarding Safebuilt's services; and; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has challenges with Safebuilt's billing and receiving the City's 10% administrative fees; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager sent Safebuilt a 90-day notice that the City is discontinuing its contract as of March 23, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission appointed Randall Aldering as the City's building official effective March 24, 2025. Mr. Aldering will have Scott Saunders as his Deputy building official when he is unavailable. Mr. Aldering recommended that Walt Devisser be the mechanical inspector and David Gongwer be the electrical inspector; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Devisser Jr. works in Arlington Twp, Bangor Twp, Bloomingdale Twp, the City of Bangor, the City of Coloma, Coloma Twp, Geneva Twp, Hagar Twp, Hartford Twp, the Village of Bloomingdale, and the Village of Breedsville. Mr. Devisser Jr. has worked for the City in the past as Deputy Mechanical Inspector under Walt Devisser Sr. the City's mechanical inspector for many years, and;

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Gongwer works in Benton Harbor, the Village of Cassopolis, and Hartford Twp; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager met with Mr. Devisser Jr. and Mr. Gongwer to negotiate the pay rate fees; and

**WHEREAS**, the mechanical inspector will receive 70% of the fees invoiced, with the city retaining 30%, the electrical inspector receiving 80% of the fees invoiced, and the city retaining 20%; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED;** the City of Hartford City Commission approves the appointment of Scott Saunders as Deputy Building Inspector, David Gongwer as Electrical Inspector, who will receive 80% of the fees, and Walt DeVisser as Mechanical Inspector, who will receive 70% of the fees invoiced and adopt their fee schedules.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the approval is contingent upon the completion and execution of the professional service agreement and the City Commission authorizes the City Manager to execute the agreements.

YEAS: Commissioners

NAYS:

ABSENT:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

DATE:

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RoxAnn Rodney-Isbrecht, City Clerk

I RoxAnn Rodney-Isbrecht, Clerk for the City of Hartford, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the City Commission of the City of Hartford during a meeting held on March 24, 2025

Date

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RoxAnn Rodney-Isbrecht, City Clerk  
City of Hartford  
19 West Main Street,  
Hartford MI 49057