



AGENDA REPORT

New Haven, Michigan

Meeting Type

MEETING DATE: 10 February 2026

DEPARTMENT: Village President

DATE SUBMITTED: 4 February 2026

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ITEM TITLE: Macomb Auto Engineering Waiver Request

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Macomb Auto has requested a waiver from the Village's paving requirements to allow the use of asphalt millings in lieu of a fully paved parking lot. While asphalt millings may present a lower upfront cost to the applicant, their use is inconsistent with the Village's established site design standards and long-term infrastructure objectives. Granting this waiver would introduce material that does not provide the durability, safety, or visual consistency expected of commercial developments within the Village.

Asphalt millings are not a true pavement surface and tend to degrade over time through displacement, rutting, and erosion. This degradation can create uneven driving and walking surfaces, increase dust and debris, increase tripping hazards due to the rutting, and negatively impact stormwater management by allowing loose material to migrate into catch basins and adjacent rights-of-way. These conditions increase ongoing maintenance demands and can create safety and liability concerns for both the property owner and the Village, particularly if material migrates onto public streets or sidewalks.

Approving this request would also establish an undesirable precedent, making it more difficult for the Village to enforce its paving standards uniformly and fairly across other commercial properties. The Village's paving requirements exist to ensure long-term functionality, aesthetics, and investment stability throughout the community. For these reasons, staff recommends denying the waiver request and requiring full compliance with the Village's paving standards to protect public safety, infrastructure integrity, and the overall character of the Village.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Recommendation for Council to deny the waiver request, as the use of asphalt millings does not meet the Village's established paving and site design standards.