



Kalamazoo Area Building Authority  
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**The Kalamazoo Area Building Authority is excited to announce that we are now providing a monthly newsletter to governmental offices in the County of Kalamazoo and surrounding areas!**

KABA is a joint Construction Code Authority formed by interlocal agreement to provide Building Department services for local municipalities. Our mission is to provide consistent building code administration and enforcement services to safeguard the public health, safety, and general welfare of residents. We perform inspections to ensure the necessary structural integrity, required means of egress, sanitation, energy conservation, and proper light and ventilation are present with all permitted projects. KABA is dedicated to the safety to life and property from fire and other hazards attributed to the built environment and the safety of our community fire fighters and emergency responders during emergency operations. The KABA team strives to always provide prompt, courteous, and dependable service for contractors, homeowners, and our member jurisdictions.

With our newsletters, we'd like to introduce you to KABA and the services that we offer, as well as keep you updated regarding the latest KABA news. In our inaugural issue, allow us to introduce to you the KABA employees:



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**BUILDING OFFICIAL – Mike Alwine**

Mike began his employment with KABA as the Interim Building Official in October 2015, and became the effective Building Official in March 2016. Prior to assuming this position, Mike was a licensed residential builder for 13 years and has been in the construction industry for almost 2 decades.

Additionally, Mike served as Building Official and Ordinance Enforcement Officer for 8 townships in Cass, St. Joseph, and Van Buren Counties, as well as providing part time Building Inspection services for KABA. Mike's experience, professionalism and knowledge of the Building Code are integral to KABA's success as we move forward.

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**BUILDING INSPECTOR – Steve Roy**

Steve began his career in construction while still in high school, continuing throughout his time in college. Following graduation, Steve worked as a Facilities Manager for 10 years and then as a Construction Supervisor for 7 years. Steve then started his own construction business, which he has owned for the past 12 years. He joined KABA 4 years ago, wanting to pass along his extensive experience in the construction industry.

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**Customer Service Coordinator – Erin Feist**

Erin obtained a Legal Assistant Certification in December 2015 from KVCC and joined our team in April of 2016. She is the smiling face (and voice!) greeting contractors and home owners who contact our office. She is primarily responsible for all permit processing and the scheduling of inspections.

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**Office Coordinator – Penny Cassidy**

Penny began her career with KABA in April of 2016. She has several years of experience in the construction industry, specializing in accounting processes, customer relations, and office administration-skills she's put to great use in her new role.

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**Operations Coordinator – Kerrie LeClerc**

Kerrie is responsible for written communications, reports, and various other office administrative and customer service duties. After graduating from WMU, she spent 19 years at the Kalamazoo County Prosecutor's Office as a victim advocate. Kerrie's tenure with KABA began in February, 2015.

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From left to right:  
Erin Feist, Penny Cassidy, and Kerrie LeClerc

In future newsletters, we'll introduce you to the KABA Board members and contracted Inspectors, as well as showcase the processes KABA has put in place to ensure that we offer the most efficient, dependable and professional service for our members. In the meantime, if you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact our office at (269)216-9511 or [permits@kaba-mi.org](mailto:permits@kaba-mi.org). Thank you and have a great day!

KABA is currently seeking candidates for a new at-large board member. If you are interested in applying, please follow the link on the homepage.