

Construction Codes and Licensing, manufactured structures plan review

Plan review policy MSPR-2026-01

Energy Code Application for Non-Scope Related Work

Background

Modular construction has the unique attribute that the entire building envelope is not within the scope of work that can be evaluated by the permit documents submitted for plan review. This is especially true for foundations but may also apply to other aspects of the final in-field construction assembly.

Purpose

Minnesota Statute 326B.101 requires that the Minnesota State Building Code shall foster uniformity of code application across the state. The purpose of this policy is to ensure uniformity of code application.

Applicability

This policy applies to all prefabricated buildings and modular construction throughout Minnesota.

Interpretation

Designs, including designs for energy code compliance, shall not impose greater than prescriptive requirements on portions of the scope of work that are beyond work authorized by permit. Assumptions for work beyond the permit shall follow the prescriptive requirements of the State Building Code.