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FBC 7th EDITION (2020) FORMAL INTERPRETATION (#19)

DATE: July 9, 2020
TO: All Building Officials
FROM: James DiPietro, Administrative Director
SUBJECT: Replacement of air conditioning (A/C) systems in flood hazard areas

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At its regularly scheduled meeting of July 9, 2020, the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals approved an interpretation of the following FBC 7th Edition (2020) sections:

- Florida Building Code, 7th Edition (2020) - Existing Building 503.1, 503.2, 701.3 and Chapter 2.
- Florida Building Code, 7th Edition (2020) - Building 1612.
- Florida Building Code, 7th Edition (2020) - Residential 322.

Formal Interpretation:

An air conditioning (A/C) replacement by itself, does not constitute a substantial improvement as defined by the 2020 Florida Building Code - Existing Building, Seventh Edition, Chapter 2-Definitions, unless performed in conjunction with another alteration, addition, or improvement of a building or structure, the cost of which equals or exceeds 50 percent of the market value of the structure, before the improvement or repair is started.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 13, 2019
RE-ISSUED DATE: July 9, 2020
EFFECTIVE DATE: December 31, 2020

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