



**BROWARD COUNTY
BOARD OF RULES AND APPEALS
FBC 6th Edition (2017)
FORMAL INTERPRETATION (#21)**

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DATE: June 14, 2018.

TO: All Building Officials

FROM: James DiPietro, Administrative Director

SUBJECT: Alteration of existing smoke evacuation or smoke control systems.

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At its meeting of June 14, 2018, the Board approved an interpretation of the 6th Edition FBC.

Formal Interpretation of the following sections:

6th Edition (2017), FBC Existing Building, Chapter 14 Performance Compliance Methods; FBC Building Chapter 4, Special detailed requirements based on use and occupancy; FBC Building, Section 909 Smoke Control Systems.

Formal Interpretation.

The alteration of an existing smoke evacuation or smoke control system, including elimination; is possible, if all the following is provided and demonstrated to the Authority Having Jurisdiction for review, rejection for just cause, or acceptance:

1. A comprehensive evaluation of the building's life safety, fire safety, means of egress, general safety, etc. is performed by a registered architect and/or engineer, in accordance with Chapter 14 Performance Compliance Methods of the 2017 Florida Building Code - Existing Building, Sixth Edition.
2. The result of the alteration or elimination is to maintain or increase the degree of public safety, health and general welfare in existing buildings or structures. The alteration can include the upgrade of existing safety systems and or building safety fixtures; and or the installation of additional safety systems and or building safety fixtures in the building or structure.
3. Any proposed work is permitted and inspected, in accordance with Florida Building Code 6th Edition (2017), Chapter 1, Administration — Broward County.
4. Smoke control systems currently required by the FBC or FFPC shall not be eliminated.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 15, 2018.

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