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FBC 7th EDITION (2020) FORMAL INTERPRETATION (#23)

DATE: September 10, 2020
TO: All Building Officials
FROM: James DiPietro, Administrative Director
SUBJECT: Building Permit Valuations

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At its regularly scheduled meeting of September 10, 2020, the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals approved an interpretation of the following sections of Chapter 1, "Broward County Amendments" to the 7th Edition (2020) Florida Building Code.

109.3 Building permit valuations. The applicant for a permit shall provide an estimated permit value at a time of application. Permit valuations, shall include total value of work, including materials and labor, for which the permit is being issued, such as electrical, gas, mechanical, plumbing equipment, and permanent systems. If, in the opinion of the building official, the valuation is underestimated on the application, the permit shall be denied, unless the applicant can show detailed estimates to meet the approval of the Building Official. Final building permit valuation shall be set by the Building Official.

109.3.1 The Building Official may require an estimate of the cost utilizing RS Means, copies of signed contract and/or other descriptive data as a basis for determining the permit fee.

Formal Interpretation:

The Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals interprets Sections 109.3 and 109.3.1 to state the Building Official must first determine a permit application is underestimated before the applicant can be required to provide a detailed validation of the valuation of the work to meet the approval of the Building Official. Therefore, the Building Official must have a reasonable basis for his or her determination that the valuation is underestimated and may not require a detailed estimate or contract attached to the permit application at the time of submittal.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 31, 2020

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