



# BROWARD COUNTY BOARD OF RULES AND APPEALS

## FBC 8<sup>TH</sup> EDITION (2023) FORMAL INTERPRETATION #37

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**DATE:** September 12, 2025  
**TO:** All Building Officials  
**FROM:** Dr. Ana Barbosa, Administrative Director  
**SUBJECT:** Exhaust Openings

At its meeting of September 11, 2025, the Board approved an interpretation of FBC Residential, 8th Edition, Section M1506.3 Exhaust openings.

### **M1506.3 Exhaust openings.**

Air exhaust openings shall terminate not less than 3 feet (914 mm) from property lines; 3 feet (914 mm) from operable and nonoperable openings into the building and 10 feet (3048 mm) from mechanical air intakes except where the opening is located 3 feet (914 mm) above the air intake. Openings shall comply with Sections R303.5.2 and R303.6.

### ***Formal Interpretation:***

A picture window cannot be opened to the exterior; therefore, it is not a building opening from the standpoint of air movement. Exhaust discharges near a picture window shall not be required to comply with FBC Residential Section M1506.3.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** September 12, 2025

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