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## FBC 7<sup>th</sup> EDITION (2020) FORMAL INTERPRETATION (#7)

**DATE:** July 9, 2020  
**TO:** All Building Officials  
**FROM:** James DiPietro, Administrative Director  
**SUBJECT:** Residential Clothes Washing Machines Drains.

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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 Florida Building Code 7th Edition (2020), Residential Section P2718.1.

The interpretation is to clarify the use of a minimum 2-inch sanitary piping to drain clothes washing machines. The FBC, Residential Section P2718.1 is silent on the issue. The Board agrees with the Building Officials Association of Florida Informal Interpretations 4939 and 6501.

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

FBC Residential Section P2718.1: The automatic clothes washing machine fixture drain shall connect to a branch drain or drainage stack a minimum of 2 inches in diameter.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 10, 2014  
RE-ISSUED DATE: July 9, 2020  
EFFECTIVE DATE: December 31, 2020

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