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FBC 5th Edition (2014) **FORMAL INTERPRETATION (#2)**

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DATE: May 18, 2015
TO: All Building Officials
FROM: James DiPietro, Administrative Director 
SUBJECT: Identification of Mechanical Equipment.

At the meeting of May 14, 2015 the Board approved an interpretation of Section 304.12, 5th Edition (2014) Florida Building Code, Mechanical (FMC) (section 304.12, 2010 FMC; section 304.11 2007 FMC and Sec. 304.9 2001 FMC). These sections of the code require marking of appliances (air conditioning equipment) serving different areas of a building other than where they are installed to uniquely identify the appliance and the area it serves.

The purpose of these sections is to easily identify equipment for servicing and in case of an emergency. An example would be multiple installations of appliances on a roof top of an office building, condominium, apartment building, etc. There is no requirement for identification of appliances contained in the Florida Residential Code.

Formal Interpretation:

Section 304.12, 5th Edition (2014) Florida Building Code, Mechanical does not apply to buildings governed under the Florida Residential Code. These buildings include detached one-two family dwellings and multiple single-family dwellings (townhouses) not more than three stories in height with a separate means of egress.

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