DATE: May 18, 2015
TO: All Building Officials
FROM: James DiPietro
Administrative Director
SUBJECT: Residential Clothes Washing Machines Drains.

At its regular meeting of May 14, 2015, the Board of Rules and Appeals approved an interpretation of the Florida Building Code 5th Edition (2014), 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 Building Officials Association on Florida Informal Interpretation #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: May 14, 2015
EFFECTIVE DATE: June 30, 2015

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