



# BROWARD COUNTY BOARD OF RULES AND APPEALS

## **FBC 5<sup>th</sup> Edition (2014)**

### **FORMAL INTERPRETATION (#9)**

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**DATE: May 18, 2015**

**TO: All Building Officials**

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**SUBJECT: Residential Clothes Washing Machines Drains.**

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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 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: May 14, 2015

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 30, 2015

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