

THE BORA QUARTERLY

Stronger Codes Mean Safer Buildings!

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR THE BROWARD COUNTY BOARD OF RULES AND APPEALS

Thank you for being a valued member of our Building and Fire Community!

The Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals remains committed to providing timely information, resources, and relevant updates to you all.

Please mark your calendars for the continuing education opportunities that we will offer during the upcoming quarter.

We encourage you to remain connected with us to stay informed about upcoming events, programs, and regulatory developments.

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STAY INFORMED

The BORA Quarterly was introduced in June 2018 as a way for our agency to inform members of the public about our efforts to contribute to positive and effective change throughout Broward County. [Subscribe](#) to The BORA Quarterly and stay informed!



The Board of Rules and Appeals is committed to offering educational programs for inspectors, contractors, and design professionals, helping strengthen their knowledge and performance in accordance with the Building Code. The Board meets to review proposed amendments to the Florida Building and Fire Prevention Codes, hear appeals of decisions made by Building and Fire Code Officials, and provide formal interpretations of code sections when their meaning is in question. Board members and staff consistently strive to enhance code quality and promote greater safety for everyone who lives and works in Broward County, while also maintaining strong representation in state, national, and international organizations involved in developing codes and standards.

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INTERESTED IN EARNING MORE CONTACT HOURS?

- 28 hours of training are required during the 2-year building certification cycle.
- 60 hours of training are required during the 4-year fire certification cycle.
- By attending Broward BORA’s Board and Committee meetings, 1 hour of the required credit will be earned.
- By attending professional association meetings approved by the BORA Staff (i.e. FAPGMI, IAIE, COEA), ½ hour of the required credit will be earned for each meeting attended.

A maximum of 14 total contact hours through [Board](#) and Committee meetings can be earned per certification cycle.

CONNECT WITH US ONLINE



ONLINE RESOURCES

- [Board Meeting Agendas](#)
- [Committee Meeting Agendas](#)
- [Florida Building Code](#)
- [Florida Fire Prevention Code](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 12, 2026

Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals Board Meeting
 7:00 PM
 Meeting Information → [Board Meeting Agenda](#)

MARCH 18, 2026

BORA-IEAI Electrical Seminar: NEC 690 Solar Systems
 1:00 PM
 Additional Information → [Electrical Seminars](#)

MARCH 20, 2026

Broward County Fire Inspector Exam
 9:00 AM
 Registration → [Application](#)
 Additional Information → [Open Book Guide](#)

APRIL 8-9, 2026

BORA-IEAI Electrical Seminar: UL Fire Caulk Hands-On Assembly Installation Course
 1:00 PM
 Additional Information → [Electrical Seminars](#)

APRIL 9, 2026

Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals Board Meeting
 7:00 PM
 Meeting Information → [Board Meeting Agenda](#)

APRIL 15, 2026

BORA-IEAI Electrical Seminar: OSHA/NRTL
 1:00 PM
 Additional Information → [Electrical Seminars](#)

MAY 14, 2026

Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals Board Meeting
 7:00 PM
 Meeting Information → [Board Meeting Agenda](#)

MAY 15, 2026

Broward County Fire Inspector Exam
 9:00 AM
 Registration → [Application](#)
 Additional Information → [Open Book Guide](#)

MAY 30, 2026

BORA-IEAI Electrical Seminar: 8-Hour Code Seminar, NEC 2023 Review
 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
 Additional Information → [Electrical Seminars](#)

BUILDING CODE JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visit the [Broward BORA website](#) for the complete list of building code job announcements. If your municipality would like to have a job announcement posted on our website, email rulesboard@broward.org.

BROWARD BORA

- Chief Energy Code Compliance Officer

CORAL SPRINGS

- Building Safety Inspector
- Mechanical Inspector/ Plans Examiner

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- Structural Inspector

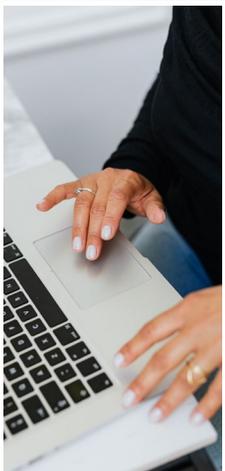
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- Electrical Plans Examiner/ Inspector
- Structural Inspector

2026 FLORIDA BUILDING CODE, BROWARD COUNTY AMENDMENTS

The Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals **approved** the following revisions to the Florida Building Code, Broward County Administrative Amendments, 8th (2023) Edition, Chapter 1:

- Florida Building Code, Broward County Administrative Amendments, 8th (2023) Edition, Chapter 1, Sections 104.1.1, Appointment of a Building Official, 104.2.1, Appointment of an Assistant Building Official, and 104.3, Appointment of the Chief Electrical, Mechanical, Plumbing, and Structural Inspector, Relating to Obtaining Written Authorization from City Managers to Serve More than Two (2) Jurisdictions Prior to Applying for Board Consideration**
 This modification aligned the Code language with the procedures currently followed by BORA for applicants seeking to serve multiple jurisdictions as Building Officials, Assistant Building Officials, or Chief Inspectors. Under existing practice, individuals requesting to serve multiple jurisdictions for a permanent position shall not qualify for more than two (2) jurisdictions unless expressly authorized by the Board. As a condition of seeking Board approval to serve multiple jurisdictions, the applicants must obtain written authorization from the City Manager of each affected jurisdiction to BORA prior to applying for Board consideration.
- Florida Building Code, Broward County Administrative Amendments, 8th (2023) Edition, Chapter 1, Section 111, Certificates of Occupancy and Completion; Subsection 111.2, Line Item 13, and 111.5, Related to Permits Issued Under the Provisions of Florida Statute 553.791**
 This revision provided a uniform statement in the Certificates of Occupancy and Completion issued throughout Broward County, clearly stating to the certificate holder whether the plan review and inspection for the project were performed under the provisions of Florida Statute 553.791.



BROWARD COUNTY UNIFORM BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION UPDATE

The Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals **approved** the revision to the Broward County Uniform Building Permit Application, specifically, the addition of a checkbox for contractors to certify that they have obtained the required written authorization from the fee owner to use a private provider for building code inspections and plan review services.

Under Florida Statute 553.791(2)(a), a contractor may only use a private provider if the contractor has written authorization from the fee owner. Section 553.791(4) lists all information that must be provided to the building official when a private provider is used, including Form #61G20-2.005-2002-01, Notice to Building Official of Use of Private Provider, adopted by the Florida Building Commission. By confirming compliance through attestation rather than documentation, we ensure that the permitting processes remain compliant.



2026 FIRE INSPECTOR EXAM SCHEDULE

The 2026 exam dates for the Broward County Fire Inspector Exam are available. To qualify for the exam, submit the completed, signed [application](#) and policy statement by mail to the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals or email to [Jonda Joseph](#). The Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals will pay for first-time test takers to take the Broward County Fire Inspector Exam. A \$60.00 fee will be required for the test-taker to retake the exam.

Broward BORA will, upon request, provide auxiliary aids and services that facilitate effective communication for people with disabilities, including qualified sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, Braille documents, and other methods of making communication accessible to individuals with speech, hearing, or vision impairments. Please ensure you request auxiliary aids or services on the exam application.

FIRE EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Board of Rules and Appeals implemented a new program to assist fire departments in finding new fire inspectors. Individuals who passed the Broward County Fire Inspector Exam will be able to request that their contact information be posted on the Broward BORA website.

If they opt to have their information posted, their name, email address, phone number, and current certifications will be included and available for public viewing. Their contact information will be listed on the BORA website for one year. For additional information, please contact [Bryan Parks](#).



2026 BORA-IAEI SEMINAR SCHEDULE

The Board of Rules and Appeals, along with the International Association of Electrical Inspectors (IAEI), sponsors electrical seminars for the public throughout the year. The [2026 BORA-IAEI Seminar Schedule](#) is available online. The monthly courses and Board of Directors meetings are open to IAEI members and guests.

Keep up with upcoming courses by visiting the [Broward BORA website](#) or contacting [Kenneth Castronovo](#). Keep in mind that twenty-eight educational hours must be completed by the end of the cycle, with at least half of the requirement comprising discipline-specific courses.

BROWARD BORA BOOK LOAN PROGRAM

The Broward BORA Book Loan Program is available to municipal employees. There are books available for studying for the following state license exams:

- Commercial Building Inspector
- Commercial Electrical Inspector
- Commercial Mechanical Inspector
- Commercial Plumbing Inspector
- Permit Technician
- Building Plans Examiner
- Electrical Plans Examiner
- Mechanical Plans Examiner
- Plumbing Plans Examiner
- Building Code Administrator

Please follow the instructions below to acquire a book loan:

- Submit a completed **application**, with the Building Official’s signature, by email to **Brianna Curry**.
- The six-month loan period starts when the books are picked up from the Broward BORA office.
 - **Note:** Individuals can return borrowed books by the end of the six-month loan period or utilize the one-time 3-month extension.

Remember, the books are loaned to other code officials after they are returned. Please show consideration by not writing in the books and returning materials on time. For any questions or concerns regarding the book loan program, please contact 954-765-4500 or bcurry@broward.org.



BROWARD BORA HVHZ EXAM SPONSORSHIP

The Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals will sponsor the High Velocity Hurricane Zone (HVHZ) Exam for qualified individuals applying for the position of: Building Official, Structural Inspector, Chief Structural Inspectors, and Structural Plans Examiners. This sponsorship covers the costs of the first-time exam. The following

- Building Code Official – **Application**
- Plans Examiner and Field Inspectors – **Application**

Professionals who have not worked in either Miami-Dade or Broward Counties can meet the required HVHZ experience by passing the HVHZ exam. To have the first HVHZ exam paid for, the completed application, with the approval of their Building Official representing the jurisdiction, should be submitted to **Broward BORA**.

The Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals is composed of dedicated volunteers who serve without compensation. Our [Board Members](#) are appointed by the Broward County League of Cities and the Broward County Commission. If you would like to contact a Board member, email rulesboard@broward.org. Your email will be forwarded to the appropriate Board member.

VOTING MEMBERS

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Dennis A. Ulmer Consumer Advocate	Derek A. Wassink, P.E. Structural Engineer	Lynn Wolfson Disability Advocate		

ALTERNATE MEMBERS

Steven Feller, P.E. Mechanical Engineer	Alberto Fernandez General Contractor	Robert Taylor, FM Fire Service Professional	James Terry Master Plumber	David Tringo Master Electrician
VACANT Architect	VACANT Electrical Engineer	VACANT Roofing Contractor	VACANT Structural Engineer	

Broward County Code of Ordinances, ARTICLE IX. BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION, Section 9.02

“Building Code and the Board of Rules and Appeals” mandates that BORA members shall be appointed as follows:

- Seven (7) members and six (6) alternates shall be appointed by the Broward County League of Cities.
- Six (6) members and three (3) alternates shall be appointed by the County Commission.