



THE BORA QUARTERLY

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR THE BROWARD COUNTY BOARD OF RULES AND APPEALS

Happy Holidays from Broward BORA!!

SEASONS GREETINGS!

We hope that 2025 has treated you well. As we transition into 2026, the Board of Rules and Appeals would like to extend our gratitude to the building and fire departments throughout Broward County with whom we worked throughout the year.

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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.

Stronger Codes Mean Safer Buildings!

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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, IAEL, 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

JANUARY 8, 2026

**Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals
Board Meeting**

7:00 PM

Meeting Information → [Board Meeting Agenda](#)

JANUARY 16, 2026

Broward County Fire Inspector Exam

9:00 AM

Registration → [Application](#)

Additional Information → [Open Book Guide](#)

JANUARY 21, 2026

BORA-IAEI Electrical Seminar

1:00 PM

Additional Information → [Electrical Seminars](#)

FEBRUARY 12, 2026

**Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals
Board Meeting**

7:00 PM

Meeting Information → [Board Meeting Agenda](#)

FEBRUARY 18, 2026

BORA-IAEI Electrical Seminar

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](#)

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.

CORAL SPRINGS

- Building Safety Inspector

DAVIE

- Structural Inspector – Building Department

MARGATE

- Assistant Director – Development Services

OAKLAND PARK

- Electrical Plans Examiner/Inspector
- Structural Inspector

PLANTATION

- Assistant Building Official
- Inspector I – Structural Inspector

POMPANO BEACH

- Fire Inspector

2026-2027 BORA RECERTIFICATION CYCLE

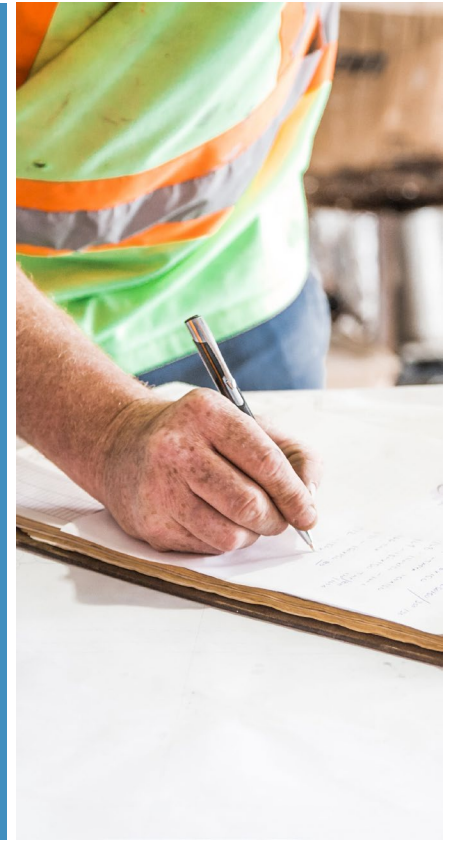
The deadline for the **2026-2027 Building Recertification Cycle** is **Thursday, December 4, 2025**. Be sure to submit your recertification packet to the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals office (1 N. University Drive, Suite 3500B, Plantation, FL 33324) prior to the deadline.

Recertification forms can be found on the Broward BORA website. All Building Officials, Assistant Building Officials, Chief Inspectors, Plans Examiners, and Inspectors who are presently certified by BORA must complete this process.

IMPORTANT! Please ensure the following when submitting your recertification:

- Complete and return all forms to the Board of Rules and Appeals office by December 4, 2025.
- Attach the Continuing Education Affidavit signed by the applicant.
- 28 educational contact hours must have been completed by December.
 - **NOTE:** At least ½ of this requirement must be discipline-specific courses.
- Please include the notarized Affidavit, Board of Rules and Appeals Policy #14-02.
- Your new 2026-2027 recertification cards will be valid through December 31, 2027.

For more information about the recertification process or the 2026-2027 recertification cycle, please contact **Jonda Joseph** or a **BORA Chief Code Compliance Officer**.



2025 BUILDING SAFETY INSPECTION PROGRAM REMINDER

Earlier this year, municipal building departments throughout Broward County sent notifications to property owners whose buildings are subject to the **Building Safety Inspection Program**, initiating the process of having the property inspected by a Florida-licensed professional.

Please be advised that the Building Safety Inspection Program does not require the building to be brought up to the current code. If you did not receive a notification and your property is 25 years or older, contact the building department. You will still be held accountable for completing the inspection, whether the municipality contacts you or not.

For additional BSIP questions, contact **Jack Morell**, **Michael Guerasio**, or **Kenneth Castronovo**. For previous inspection records, please contact the **municipality** where your property is located.

BROWARD BORA ACH PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Broward BORA accepts Automated Clearing House (ACH) Payments. Payments processed through ACH are not immediate and may take 2-4 business days to complete. To take advantage of the 3% discount, you must submit your payment before the 15th of each month. To request enrollment and report your online payment to BORA, you must send the following documentation to [Maria "Pat" Kong](#):

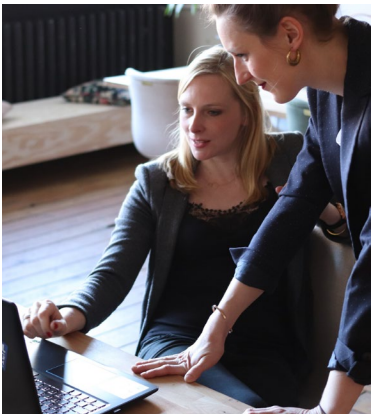
1. Copy of the electronic transaction reporting the total amount made to our account.
2. Remittance Advice form with the information about the month reported, showing the deduction of the 3% discount if submitting the electronic payment before the 15th of each month.
3. A breakdown showing the minimum \$2.00 charge, if applicable.



BROWARD BORA FIRE EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Board of Rules and Appeals implemented a new program to assist fire departments in hiring 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.

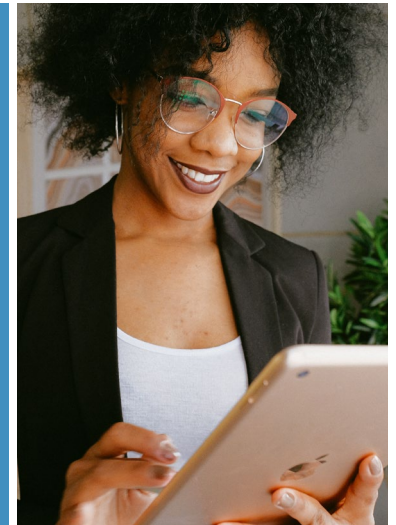
If they opt to have their information posted, their name, email address, phone number, and current certifications will be included and available for public viewing. Their contact information will be listed on the BORA website for one year. For additional information, please contact [Bryan Parks](#).



2026 FIRE INSPECTOR EXAM SCHEDULE

The 2026 exam dates are available for the [Broward County Fire Inspector Exam](#). 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 that you request auxiliary aids or services on the application for the exam.





2026 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

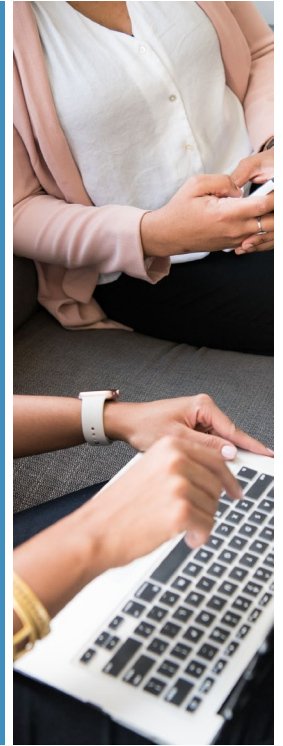
The Board of Rules and Appeals' [2026 Board Meeting Calendar](#) is available on the Broward BORA website. Please refer to the Board meeting schedule for deadlines regarding Building and Fire Code appeals. Submit a [request](#) to Broward BORA to receive Board meeting agenda notifications.

REVISIONS TO THE BROWARD COUNTY UNIFORM BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION

At the [November Board meeting](#), the Board approved, by vote, revisions to the [Broward County Uniform Building Permit Application](#). The revisions resolve issues related to legislative changes affecting local contractors' licenses and the Notice to Building Officials of the Use of a Private Provider.

The revisions were prompted by Florida House Bill 735, which amended Florida Statute 489 by expressly preempting the state's licensing of occupations and superseding any local government licensing of occupations. The bill specifically prohibits local governments from requiring a license for a person whose job scope does not substantially correspond to that of a contractor or journeyman licensed by the Construction Industry Licensing Board. Specifically, it precludes local governments from requiring a license for the following services: painting, flooring, cabinetry, interior remodeling, handyman services, driveway or tennis court installation, decorative stone, tile, marble, granite, or terrazzo installation, plastering, stuccoing, caulking, canvas awning installation, and ornamental iron installation.

The permit application now includes a checkbox, indicating that the contractor applying for the permit is exempt from licensing by FS 489.117(4)(a)1, and a space to write the contractor's tax receipt number. Additionally, a new checkbox for Private Providers has been introduced, prompting contractors to use the correct [Notice to Building Official of Use of Private Provider](#), as adopted by the Florida Building Commission.



UPCOMING BORA CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Be sure to start off the 2026-2027 certification cycle strong by participating in [continuing education opportunities](#). Twenty-eight educational hours must be completed by the end of the cycle, with at least half of the requirement comprising discipline-specific courses.

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 the upcoming courses being offered by visiting the [Broward BORA website](#) or by contacting a [BORA Chief Code Compliance Officer](#).

The Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals is made up of amazing people who volunteer their valuable time and service 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, send an email to rulesboard@broward.org. Your email will be forwarded to the appropriate Board member.

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