WELCOME BACK!

We hope that the first quarter of 2020 has been a productive one for your department!

With two major continuing education events approaching, the upcoming quarter will be filled with more opportunities for advancement. Make sure that you stay connected with us to stay informed.

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MARCH 4-5, 2020
BOIEA Educational Conference
8:00AM – 4:30PM
Nova Southeastern University
3301 College Avenue, Davie, FL 33314

MARCH 10-11, 2020
Fire Inspector’s Association of Broward County
2020 Spring Seminar (Session 1-2)
8:00AM – 5:00PM
Volunteer Park
12050 W. Sunrise Boulevard, Plantation, FL 33323

MARCH 18, 2020
Electrical Seminar: NEC 300 Wiring Methods
and NEC 800, Communication Circuits
11:30AM
Coconut Creek Community Center
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BUILDING CODE JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visit broward.org/CodeAppeals for the full list of county and municipal job postings.

COOPER CITY
• Structural Inspector / Plans Examiner

HALLANDALE BEACH
• Chief Electrical Inspector

POMPANO BEACH
• Building Field Inspector (Structural)
• Building Plans Examiner (Structural)

TAMARAC
• Chief Building Official - Building Department Division
• Structural Inspector / Plans Examiner

If your municipality would like our agency to post a job announcement on our website, please send an email to rulesboard@broward.org.
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Chief Plumbing Code Compliance Officer
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Chief Structural Code Compliance Officer
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Chief Structural Code Compliance Officer
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INTERESTED IN EARNING MORE CONTACT HOURS?
• 28 hours of training is required during the 2-year building certification cycle.
• 60 hours of training is required during the 4-year fire certification cycle.
• By attending Broward BORA's board meetings and/or committee meetings, 1 hour of the required credit will be earned.
• By attending professional association meetings approved by the BORA Staff (i.e. FGAMI, IAEI, COEA), ½ hour of the required credit will be earned for each meeting attended.

A maximum of 14 total contact hours through board and/or committee meetings can be earned per certification cycle.
FIABC 2020 SPRING SEMINAR

The Fire Inspector’s Association of Broward County 2020 Spring Seminar will be held on March 10-11, 2020 and March 18-19, 2020. The 4-session conference will offer seminars focused on a range of fire safety subjects. The Board of Rules and Appeals contributes $1,500 annually for the Fire Inspectors Association of Broward County Educational Conference towards the preparation of instructional materials.

This conference has been approved for Fire Safety Inspector and Instructor Continuing Education Unit (CEU) hours.

Visit the FIABC website to register for the upcoming Fire Inspectors Association of Broward County Educational Conference.

BOIEA 2020 SOUTH FLORIDA BUILDING CODE EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

The Broward County Building Officials & Inspectors Educational Association (BOIEA) will host the 2020 South Florida Building Code Educational Conference on a variety of dates in March, April and May. The Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals will be a sponsor for the upcoming conference that is intended for floodplain managers, design professionals, contractors and code professionals throughout the electrical, mechanical, plumbing and structural disciplines.

The conference will offer up to 14 Continuing Education Unit (CEU) hours. Credit will only be awarded to those who are present and signed-in to each lecture that they are seeking credit for.

The conference application is available online. Please submit completed applications by mail to:

Code Officials Education Association
1126 South Federal Highway, Suite 394
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316
2020 ELECTRICAL SEMINARS*

From alternate energy sources to wiring methods, there are a range of topics being covered during the electrical seminars being held this year! To see the 2020 Electrical Seminars calendar, visit the Broward BORA website.

These seminars will provide the opportunity to earn required continuing education points.

For more information about the upcoming electrical seminars please contact Ken Castronovo (kcastronovo@broward.org).

* Courses are subject to change.

BROWARD COUNTY ETHICS STANDARDS

Inspectors, plans examiners, chief inspectors and building officials certified by Broward BORA and charged with enforcing or otherwise supervising or inspecting any work covered under any section of the Florida Building Code as applicable to Broward County pursuant to Chapter 71-575, Laws of Florida, and who is required to hold or who otherwise holds a Certificate of Competency (Florida DBPR or local county licenses) or engineer or architect license in any area of construction shall not use his/her Certificate of Competency to engage in free enterprise thereby, competing against persons or firms that may do business within Broward County whose work he/she may also inspect, nor may he/she allow his/her Certificate of Competency to be used by another person or firm.

This includes any activity, such as, but not limited to bidding, contracting, subcontracting, code consulting, design, employment, plan review, special building inspections, sales of construction supplies, advertising in any media offering these services, etc., regardless of compensation.

What is permitted:

1. Any alteration, addition or repair to your homesteaded residency.
2. Other businesses or professional activities related to real estate, mortgage or insurance sales.
3. Other businesses or professional activities not related to construction contracting.
4. Teaching and training others at any level.
5. Performance of 4-point inspections if properly licensed.
HOW TO PREPARE YOUR HOME FOR A FLOOD EVENT

The following Flood Safety Checklist is curated by the Florida State Emergency Response Team and Disaster.org

Before the flood reaches your area:
• Know if floodwaters might affect your home and property. Know your elevation above flood stage.
• Develop a flood emergency action plan.
• Evacuate immediately, if advised to do so. Bring important documents with you.
• Move to a safe area before access is cut off.
• Keep abreast of road conditions through the news media.

During the flood:
• Avoid areas subject to flooding. Do not attempt to cross flowing water.
• Never drive through flooded roadways. Nearly half of all people killed in floods are those who try driving through flooded areas.
• Do not drive around barricades, they are there for your protection.
• If your vehicle stalls, leave it immediately.
• Never try to walk through or allow children to play around flood water.

After the flood:
• Do not visit disaster areas, your presence may hamper emergency operations.
• Throw out food that has come into contact with the floodwater and boil drinking water before using it.
• Stay out of buildings that remain in flood waters.
• Do not handle live electrical equipment in wet areas.
• If the power is out, use flashlights to examine buildings. Flammables may be inside.
• Report broken utilities to the correct authorities.

REMEMBER …
• Flood damage is not usually covered by homeowner’s insurance. Do not make assumptions. Check your policy.

The National Flood Insurance Program, is a pre-disaster flood mitigation and insurance protection program. The National Flood Insurance Program makes federally backed flood insurance available to residents and business owners National Flood Insurance Program call 1-888-CALL-FLOOD ext. 445, TDD# 1-800-427-5593.
FLORIDA BUILDING CODE AND FLORIDA FIRE PREVENTION CODE MAILING


If your department is interested in receiving additional hard copies, free of charge, please contact Jonda Joseph (jondajoseph@broward.org) or Brianna Curry (bcurry@broward.org).

THANK YOU FOR WELCOMING US TO YOUR COMMUNITY!

For many years, jurisdictions hosted the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals, making room for our various committee meetings and continuing education courses. Our office would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the following governmental jurisdictions for welcoming our agency and allowing us to use your facilities in 2018 and 2019:

- Broward County
- City of Hollywood
- City of Coconut Creek
- City of Plantation
- City of Cooper City
- City of Pompano Beach
- City of Coral Springs
- City of Tamarac
- Town of Davie

BROWARD BORA BROCHURE DISTRIBUTION

Our office recently distributed the following brochures to Broward County Building Departments.

- The Importance of Permits and Conflict Resolution
- Pool Safety Information
- 40 Year (and Older) Building Safety Inspection Program

If your department is interested in receiving additional copies, free of charge, please contact Brianna Curry (bcurry@broward.org).
MEET OUR BOARD MEMBERS

The Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals is made up of amazing people! Our Board members are appointed by the Broward County League of Cities and the Broward County Commission.

Visit our website to learn who they are and what their specialties are.

If you would like to contact a Board member, send an email to rulesboard@broward.org and leave your questions and/or comments. Your email will be forwarded to the appropriate board member.

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Mr. Gregg D’Attile
Mechanical Contractor

VACANT

Representative Disabled Community

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Mr. John Sims
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