

THE BORA QUARTERLY

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR THE BROWARD COUNTY BOARD OF RULES AND APPEALS

SEASONS GREETINGS!

We hope that the last quarter of 2019 treats you well as you transition into the new year! We would like to thank all of you who have supported and collaborated with the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals this year.

Happy Holidays from Broward BORA!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 5, 2019

Recertification Application Deadline

All mailings must be postmarked on or before December 5, 2019.

JANUARY 23, 2020

Common Code Violations/Health Care Facilities – 2014 NEC Course
8:00a – 5:00p
Garfield Community Center
300 Connecticut Street, Hollywood, FL 33019

JANUARY 9, 2020

Board Meeting
7:00p
Broward County Governmental Center
115 S. Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

FEBRUARY 13, 2020

Board Meeting
7:00p
Broward County Governmental Center
115 S. Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

JANUARY 23, 2020

Fire Inspector Exam
9:00a
Plantation Fire Station
550 NW 65th Avenue, Plantation, FL 33313

FEBRUARY 27, 2020

Commercial Garages (HazLoc) Common Code Calculations – 2014 NEC Course
8:00a – 5:00p
Garfield Community Center
300 Connecticut Street, Hollywood, FL 33019



BUILDING CODE JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

BROWARD COUNTY

- Chief Building Code Inspector – Mechanical Section
- Elevator Inspector

COOPER CITY

- Structural Inspector/ Plans Examiner

HALLANDALE BEACH

- Chief Electrical Inspector

POMPANO BEACH

- Building Field Inspector (Structural)
- Building Plans Examiner (Structural)

TAMARAC

- Plumbing Inspector/ Plans Examiner
- 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.


STAY INFORMED!

The BORA Quarterly was introduced in June 2018 as a way for our agency to keep members of the public informed about what our agency is doing to contribute to positive and effective change throughout Broward County.

If you haven't already, be sure to [subscribe](#) to The BORA Quarterly and stay informed!

CONNECT WITH US ONLINE!

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 Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals

BORA AGENDAS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE!

Both the [Board Meeting Agendas](#) and [Committee Meeting Agendas](#) are available on the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals website.

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Chief Structural Code Compliance Officer

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BROWARD BORA STAFF DIRECTORY

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.

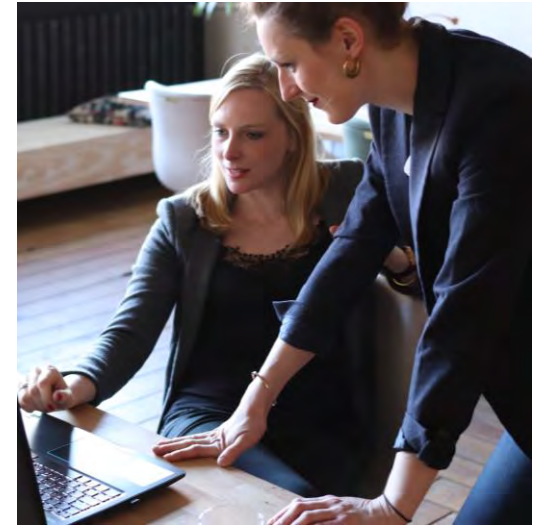


BORA STAFF IS AVAILABLE FOR RATE DECREASE ASSISTANCE

Starting in January 2020, the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals Chief Code Compliance Officers (CCCOs) will be available to visit cities to assist with applying the newest Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals rate decrease (effective on October 1, 2019).

The Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals reduced the municipal fee (that is charged to all Broward County municipalities) from the past \$0.65 per \$1,000 construction valuation to the current \$0.52 per \$1,000, resulting in a 20% rate decrease. There will be no change to the \$2.00 minimum fee.

If your department would like assistance with adjusting to the rate cut, please call 954-765-4500 to schedule an appointment with one of our CCCOs.



UNIFORM DATA FORM FOR RESIDENTIAL AND LIGHT COMMERCIAL AIR CONDITIONING REPLACEMENTS

The **Broward County Uniform Data Form for Residential and Light Commercial Air Conditioning Replacements** was adopted by the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals following a unanimous vote of the Mechanical/Smoke Control Committee held on April 18, 2019 and became mandatory for all jurisdictions in Broward County on October 1, 2019.

** This form does not relieve the permit holder, building owner or contractor from complying with all and any applicable local regulations or ordinances related to zoning, flood prevention, fire prevention, etc.; or prohibits a Broward County jurisdiction from requiring additional information to be provided in relation to applicable local regulations or ordinances related to zoning, flood prevention, fire prevention, etc.*



2020 BORA MEETING SCHEDULE

The Board of Rules and Appeals **2020 Meeting Schedule** has been published. The calendar will include voluntary cut-off dates and mandatory emergency appeals deadlines.

The voluntary cut-off date deadline is noon for all building code and fire code appeals and mandatory deadline for all other agenda items including certifications. The mandatory emergency appeals deadline is noon for all building code and fire code appeals

To receive Board Meeting Agenda notifications, please send a **request**.

POLICY AMENDMENT: COMPLEMENTARY BOOK LOAN PROGRAM

Board Policy #17-03 was amended on November 14, 2019. The policy amendment will allow Broward BORA committee members to participate in the **Complementary Book Loan Program** along with the individuals employed by city or county government. Please see the amended Board Policy #17-03 Guidelines below:

“The Building Official will be responsible for signing out the books for individuals authorized by the City or County government. The Administrative Director will be responsible for signing out the books for individuals serving on BORA Advisory Committees. The initial loan period is not to exceed six months, a onetime extension of three months is permitted (for a total of nine months), and the name of person borrowing the books is to be provided. The loaner study documents are to be returned to the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals’ offices.”

The above program is subject to there being sufficient funds available in the annual budget, as determined by the Administrative Director.

There are books available for studying for the following state license exams available to **City/County Employees** and **BORA Committee Members**:

- Commercial Building Inspector
- Commercial Electrical Inspector
- Commercial Mechanical Inspector
- Commercial Plumbing Inspector
- Florida Roofing Inspector
- Building Plans Examiner
- Electrical Plans Examiner
- Mechanical Plans Examiner
- Plumbing Plans Examiner
- Building Code Administrator



TED FOWLER JOINS BROWARD BORA!

The Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals staff is growing! Mr. Ted Fowler is our new Structural Code Compliance Officer. Our office had a Structural vacancy since October 2018, when Donald “Cris” Fardelmann retired.

Mr. Fowler has been with us since the beginning of November 2019 after serving as the Building Official of Cooper City, Fla.

RECERTIFICATION CYCLE ENDING IN DECEMBER

The 2018-2019 Building Recertification Cycle is ending this month. Remember to submit your recertification packet for the 2020-2021 cycle to the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals online or by mail (1 N. University Drive, Suite 3500B, Plantation, FL 33324) by December 5, 2019. The Building Certification Forms can be found on the Broward BORA website.

For more information about the recertification process as the 2018-2019 certification cycle comes to an end, please see the program's **Recertification Application** on the Broward BORA website, send an email to Jonda Joseph (jondajoseph@broward.org) or contact any of our **Chief Code Compliance Officers**.



RECERTIFICATION APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

All applications shall include the following required information:

- Building Official Checklist
- Recertification Application
- License Numbers Form
- Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals Policy #14-02
- Complete the Affidavit of Education and submit it along with either copies of Certificates or Department of Business and Professional Regulation print out of Continuing Education Attendance. Note: At least 1/2 of this requirement must be discipline specific courses.
- Copy of State/County Contractors/(MEP) Journeyman's License or Provide State copy from State Website verification.
 - Copy of Registered Architect License
 - Copy of Professional Engineer License
- Copy of BCAIB (State) Code Certificates (Inspector, Plans Examiner, etc.) or Provide State copy from State Website verification.

Failure to include these items shall be cause for rejection.



CERTIFICATION STANDARDS UPDATED

At the October 10, 2019 Board Meeting, the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals approved the language changes to Section 104.1 through 104.16.3.3 of the Broward County Administrative Provisions for the 6th Edition (2017) Florida Building Code.

The Broward BORA staff recommended the language changes after the Certification Standard Review Committee's passed the recommendations at their committee meeting on September 16, 2019 for the following reasons:

1. The proposed changes create new paths for certification of code professionals within Broward County.
2. The proposed changes lessen the confusion caused by repetitive language within sequential sections.
3. Adjusting structural verbiage to coordinate with the MEP's formatting so there is uniformity and consistency throughout Section 104.
4. Removing paths within sections that the requirements were previously met and not necessary to repeat in sequential sections.
5. Inserting a Limited Plans Examiner path so that the limited inspectors have a way to advance in their career which was not an option previously.
6. Inserting two paths into the Roofing Inspector category so individuals whose career has been within the roofing trade, have a way to become inspectors which was not an option previously.

Lastly, the Broward BORA staff believes that these changes will lessen the chance of confusion and open numerous paths to bring individuals into our profession by filling the voids that may exist throughout Broward County.

CERTIFICATION STANDARDS RESOURCES

Since the "Powers and Duties of the Building Official, Assistant Building Official, Chief Inspector, Plans Examiner and Inspector" language changes were passed, the amended **Chapter I** and **Building Certification Applications** can be found the Broward BORA website. For further assistance, contact Michael Guerasio (mguerasio@broward.org) or Otto Vinas (ovinas@broward.org).

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Mr. Robert A. Kamm, P.E.
Mechanical Engineer

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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