

THE BORA QUARTERLY

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

SEASONS GREETINGS!

We would like to thank all of you who have supported and collaborated with the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals this year while we all adapted as the world changed. We hope that the last month of 2020 treats you well as you transition into the new year!

Happy Holidays from Broward BORA!



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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.

Subscribe to The BORA Quarterly and stay informed!

CONNECT WITH US ONLINE!

 @BrowardBORA

 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.

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.



BROWARD BORA STAFF DIRECTORY

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 8, 2020

An Open Discussion with your Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals
 2:00PM
 Zoom Meeting
 Meeting Link → <https://zoom.us/j/97628032204>

DECEMBER 16, 2020

Residential Energy Code Review Course
 2:00PM
 Zoom Meeting
 Registration Link → https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_volkY8O5S6S0fIAaASxGjQ

DECEMBER 14, 2020

Fire Code Committee Meeting
 Time: 1:30PM
 Zoom Meeting
 Meeting Link → <https://zoom.us/j/98096785487?pwd=cXBnd3ZhYU5TclZLS3g0bmliLzI6dz09>

DECEMBER 31, 2020

7th Edition (2020) Florida Building Code Effective Date

DECEMBER 16, 2020

Emergency Communication Systems: UL 2524 Certification and Compliance for Code Authorities
 Time: 12:30AM
 UL Webinar
 Registration Link → <https://www.ul.com/events/ul-2524-certification-and-compliance-code-authorities>

JANUARY 14, 2021

Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals: Board Meeting
 7:00PM
 Zoom Meeting
 Meeting Link → TBA



BUILDING CODE JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

DAVIE

- Building Plans Examiner/Structural
- Structural Inspector

MARGATE

- Plans Examiner/Inspector (Building)

PLANTATION

- Inspector I – Electrical
- Inspector I – Structural
- Inspector II – Structural

POMPANO BEACH

- Building Field Inspector (Structural)
- Building Plans Examiner (Structural)
- Fire Inspector I
- Floodplain Coordinator

If your municipality would like our agency to post a job announcement on our website, please send an email to rulesboard@broward.org.



BROWARD COUNTY REOPENING PLAN

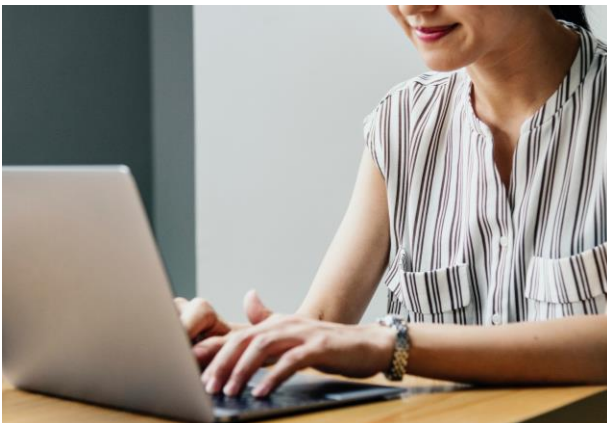
The Broward County governmental buildings began a gradual reopening of in-person services in November. Due to COVID-19 precautions, social distancing and building capacity limitations are still in effect. Employees and visitors are required to wear facial coverings. To stay up to date with Broward County Reopening information, please visit the following resources:

- [Broward County Reopening Plan](#)
- [Broward County Daily Weekday COVID-19 Dashboard](#)

2020 CODE BOOK DISTRIBUTION FOR BROWARD COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES

The Board of Rules and Appeals along with the Broward County Commission authorized funds to cover the purchase of code books to be distributed to the building and fire departments throughout Broward County. The 7th Edition (2020) Florida Building Code were distributed this fall. The following code books will be distributed throughout the 2021 Fiscal Year:

- 2017 NEC Handbook
- 2020 ASHRAE Handbook
 - ASHRAE 90.1 & ASHRAE 188
- 7th Edition (2020) Florida Fire Code



EARN CEUs VIRTUALLY!

COVID-19 has challenged the ways that we can gather safely. Code officials are still expected to earn the required Continuing Education Units (CEUs) during the 2020-2021 code cycle. There are **virtual opportunities** available so that you don't have to fall behind in gaining CEUs.

Be sure to contact a **Broward BORA CCCO** to verify that the course can be used toward your required CEUs.

ACH PAYMENTS AVAILABLE FOR BROWARD COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES

The Board of Rules and Appeals is now accepting ACH (Automated Clearing House) Payments. This payment solution is voluntary. **We can only process one new ACH jurisdiction at a time.** To enroll in the electronic funds transfer, just send an email to Maria “Pat” Kong (mkong@broward.org).

Be aware that payments processed through ACH are not immediate. The payments may take 2-4 days to process. Therefore, **to take advantage of the 3% discount you must submit your payment ahead of time before the 15th of each month.**

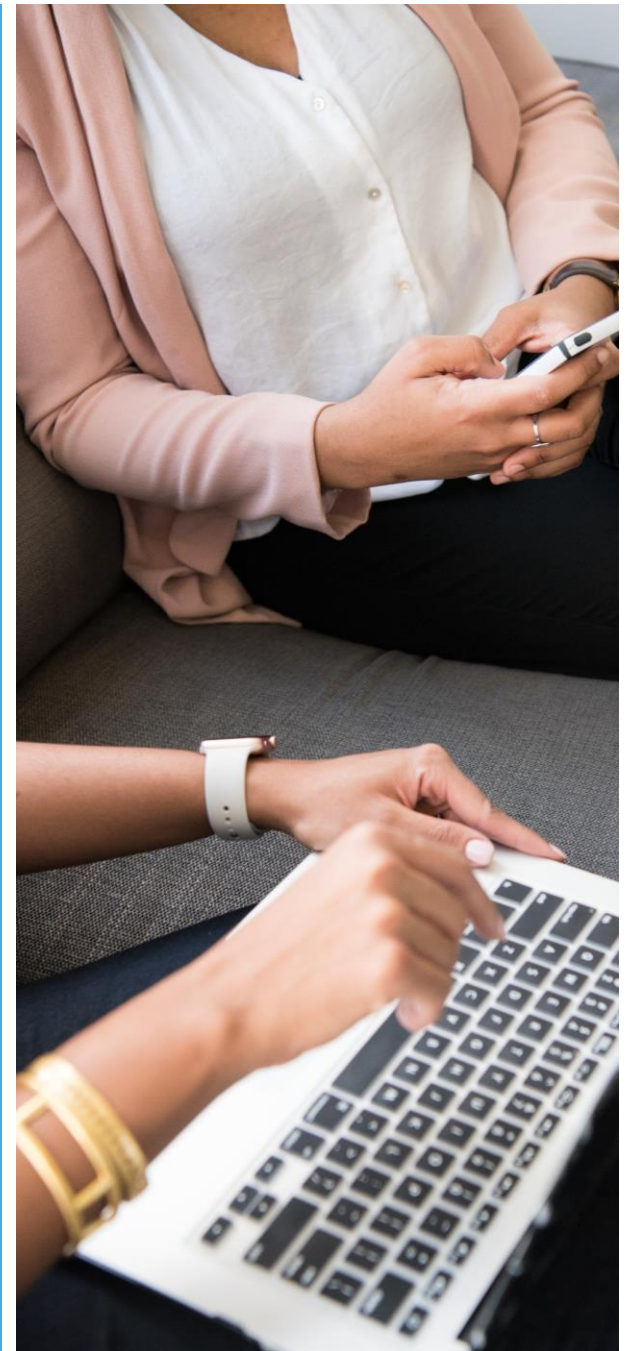
I. Reporting Electronic Payments:

In order to report your online payment to BORA, you must send the following supporting documentation to mkong@broward.org every month:

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. Breakdown showing the minimum of \$2.00 charge if applicable.

II. Advantages of the Electronic Funds Transfer:

- It would facilitate your monthly payments by debiting your account automatically for one payment.
- ACH payments are faster and easier to handle compared to the traditional method of paying by checks, low cost, security, convenience.
- Reduce human error and increase time savings.
- Pay remotely.
- Avoid late payments and keep the 3% discount if submitting your electronic payment by the 15 of each month.





FORMAL INTERPRETATION #19: REPLACEMENT OF AIR CONDITIONING (A/C) SYSTEMS IN FLOOD HAZARD AREAS

Our agency would like to highlight Formal Interpretation #19. The Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals approved an interpretation of the following FBC 7th Edition (2020) sections at the July 9, 2020 meeting:

- Florida Building Code, 7th Edition (2020) - Existing Building 503.1, 503.2, 701.3 and Chapter 2.
- Florida Building Code, 7th Edition (2020) - Building 1612.
- Florida Building Code, 7th Edition (2020) - Residential 322.

Formal Interpretation #19 states the following: “An air conditioning (A/C) replacement by itself, does not constitute a substantial improvement as defined by the 2020 Florida Building Code - Existing Building, Seventh Edition, Chapter 2- Definitions, unless performed in conjunction with another alteration, addition, or improvement of a building or structure, the cost of which equals or exceeds 50 percent of the market value of the structure, before the improvement or repair is started.”

RESIDENTIAL ENERGY CODE REVIEW WEBINAR

The **Residential Energy Code Review Webinar** is scheduled for December 16, 2020 at 2:00pm. The course is a review of the 7th Edition (2020) Residential Energy Code and will address the following topics:

- Compliance Methods of the 7th Edition (2020) Residential Energy Code
- Plan Submission Requirements
- What to look for during an inspection
- Identifying the most common Energy Code errors on building plans and compliance documents

The course is approved for two (2) hours of Broward BORA CEUs and two (2) Energy CEUs will be awarded by the Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Board (BCAIB), pending approval from the State Board. Certified Building Officials, Plans Examiners and Inspectors are encouraged to attend.

Timothy de Carion, Energy Chief Code Compliance Officer, Broward Board of Rules and Appeals, will be teaching the Residential Energy Code Review course. Please register [online](#) to reserve your spot in the class. If you have any questions about the course registration, please contact Timothy de Carion (tdecarion@broward.org) or Brianna Curry (bcurry@broward.org).

AN OPEN DISCUSSION WITH YOUR BROWARD COUNTY BOARD OF RULES AND APPEALS

The Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals staff is hosting an open discussion on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 2:00p.

To attend the meeting, please utilize the information below:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/97628032204>

Join Zoom Meeting by Phone

Phone: +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)
Meeting ID: 976 2803 2204



CHARTER OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONS

Section 9.02 Building Code and the Board of Rules and Appeals

(1) It shall be the function of the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals to exercise the powers, duties, responsibilities, and obligations as set forth and established in Chapter 71-575, Laws of Florida, Special Acts of 1971, as amended by Chapters 72-482 and 72-485, Laws of Florida, Special Acts of 1972; Chapter 73-427, Laws of Florida, Special Acts of 1973; Chapters 74-435, 74-437, and 74-448, Laws of Florida, Special Acts of 1974; and Chapter 98-287, as amended by Chapter 2000- 141, Laws of Florida, or any successor building code to the Florida Building Code applicable to the County, as amended.

(2) The provisions of the Florida Building Code shall be amended only by the Board of Rules and Appeals and only to the extent and in the manner specified in the Building Code. The County Commission or a Municipality shall not enact any ordinance in conflict with Chapter 98-287 and Chapter 2000-141, Laws of Florida, as may be amended from time to time.

(3) The Board of Rules and Appeals shall conduct a program to monitor and oversee the inspection practices and procedures employed by the various governmental authorities charged with the responsibility of enforcing the Building Code.

(4) The Board of Rules and Appeals shall organize, promote and conduct training and educational programs designed to increase and improve the knowledge and performance of those persons certified by the Board of Rules and Appeals pursuant to the Building Code and may require the completion of certain minimum courses, seminars or other study programs as a condition precedent to the issuance of certificates by the Board of Rules and Appeals pursuant to the Building Code.

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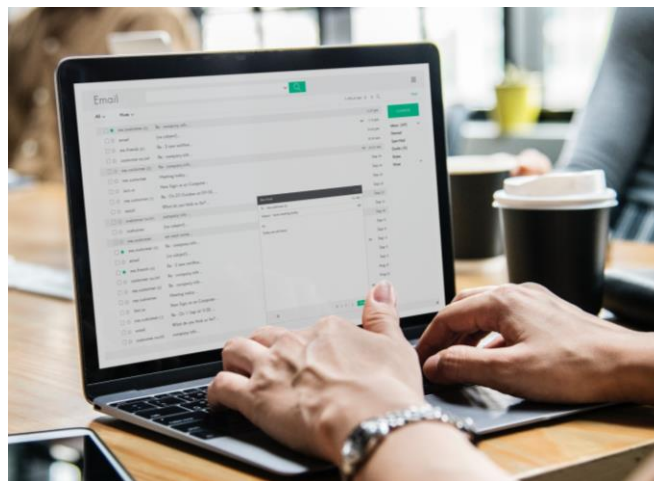
Mr. Robert A. Kamm, P.E.
Mechanical Engineer

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](#) for more information.

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.



ALTERNATE MEMBERS

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Mr. Alberto Fernandez
General Contractor

Mr. Robert Taylor
Fire Service Professional

VACANT
Structural Engineer

Mr. David Rice, P.E.
Electrical Engineer

Mr. James Terry
Master Plumber

Mr. David Tringo
Master Electrician

Mr. William Flett
Roofing Contractor

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.