



# BROWARD COUNTY BOARD OF RULES AND APPEALS

## FBC 8<sup>TH</sup> EDITION (2023) FORMAL INTERPRETATION (#19)

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**DATE:** October 12, 2023  
**TO:** All Building Officials  
**FROM:** Dr. Ana Barbosa, Administrative Director   
**SUBJECT:** Replacement of air conditioning (A/C) systems in flood hazard areas

At its regularly scheduled meeting on October 12, 2023, the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals approved an interpretation of the following Florida Building Code, 8<sup>th</sup> Edition (2023) sections:

- Florida Building Code, 8<sup>th</sup> Edition (2023) - Existing Building 503.1, 503.2, 701.3 and Chapter 2.
- Florida Building Code, 8<sup>th</sup> Edition (2023) - Building 1612.
- Florida Building Code, 8<sup>th</sup> Edition (2023) - Residential 322.

### ***Formal Interpretation:***

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. Replacement of equipment damaged by a flood shall meet the requirement of sections FBC Residential - 322 or FBC Building 1612.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 13, 2019

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