



# BROWARD COUNTY BOARD OF RULES AND APPEALS

## FBC 8<sup>TH</sup> EDITION (2023) FORMAL INTERPRETATION (#25)

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**DATE:** October 12, 2023  
**TO:** All Building Officials  
**FROM:** Dr. Ana Barbosa, Administrative Director   
**SUBJECT:** PVC pipes and fittings within plenums in the residential portion of R-2 and R-3 occupancies.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on October 12, 2023, the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals approved an interpretation of the following sections of Chapter 1, Broward County Amendments to the 8<sup>th</sup> Edition (2023) Florida Mechanical Code (FMC):

- FMC 602.2.1, Materials within plenums, Exception 5.3
- FMC 602.2.1.5 Discrete plumbing and mechanical products in plenums.
- FMC 602.2.1.7 Plastic plumbing pipe and tube.

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

The use of PVC pipes and fittings for the removal of condensate in air handler closets used as plenums in the residential portion of R-2 and R-3 occupancies is acceptable when complying with all the following conditions:

1. Acceptance is limited to schedule 40 PVC pipe and fittings of 3/4" or 1" nominal diameter.
2. Acceptance is limited to a total pipe length of 48" or less.
3. PVC pipes and fittings shall comply with ASTM standards referred to in FMC 1202.4 and 1202.5.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 31, 2020

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