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FBC 8TH EDITION (2023) FORMAL INTERPRETATION (#7)

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DATE: October 12, 2023
TO: All Building Officials
FROM: Dr. Ana Barbosa, Administrative Director 
SUBJECT: Residential Clothes Washing Machines Drains

At its regularly scheduled meeting on October 12, 2023, the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals approved an interpretation of the Florida Building Code 8th Edition (2023), Residential Section P2718.1.

The interpretation is to clarify the use of a minimum of 2-inch sanitary piping to drain clothes washing machines. The FBC, Residential Section P2718.1, is silent on the issue. The Board agrees with the Building Officials Association of Florida Informal Interpretations 4939 and 6501.

Formal Interpretation:

FBC Residential Section P2718.1: The automatic clothes washing machine fixture drain shall connect to a branch drain or drainage stack a minimum of 2 inches in diameter.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 10, 2014
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