

THE BORA QUARTERLY

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

HELLO THERE!

We hope that the new year is treating your department well. Broward BORA is offering a number of continuing education opportunities during the upcoming quarter.

Stay connected with our agency to stay informed.



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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

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.

BROWARD COUNTY AMENDMENTS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE

Amendments to the Florida Building Code and the Florida Fire Prevention Code are available on MuniCode.

INTERESTED IN EARNING MORE CONTACT HOURS?

- 28 hours of training are required during the 2-year building certification cycle.
60 hours of training are 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), 1/2 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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 8-9, 2023

NFPA 54: Fuel Gas Code and NFPA 58: Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code Course
8:00 AM – 3:30 PM

APRIL 19, 2023

NEC Articles 404 and 406 Switches and Receptacles, FL 801623, 1-hr. ICC 3100, .1-hr
1:00 PM
Course Information → [Electrical Seminars](#)

MARCH 9, 2023

Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals Board Meeting
7:00 PM
Meeting Information → [Board Meeting Agenda](#)

APRIL 19, 2023

Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals – Open Discussion Meeting
9:00 AM
Meeting Information → TBA

MARCH 10, 2023

Fire Inspector Exam
9:00 AM
Course Information → [Fire Inspector Exams](#)

MAY 12, 2023

Fire Inspector Exam
9:00 AM
Course Information → [Fire Inspector Exams](#)



BUILDING CODE JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

MIRAMAR

- Building Inspector – Mechanical
- Building Inspector – Structural
- Chief Code Compliance Officer
- Plumber

OAKLAND PARK

- Building Inspector (Structural)
- Chief Inspector (Structural)
- Plans Examiner/Inspector II (Part-Time)
- Plans Examiner/Inspector (Structural)

PLANTATION

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

POMPANO BEACH

- Building Field Inspector (Structural)
- Building Field Inspector II (Safety)
- Building Field Inspector I (Electrical)
- Fire Inspector

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

BROWARD BORA BROCHURE DISTRIBUTION

The updated versions of the following Broward BORA brochures were distributed to the building departments throughout Broward County:

- Pool Safety Information [Brochure](#)
- The Importance of Permits and Conflict Resolution [Brochure](#)

The Building Safety Inspection Program brochures are being updated and will be distributed later this spring. If your department would like to request additional copies of the brochures, please contact [Brianna Curry](#).



FLORIDA FIRE PREVENTION CODE AMENDMENTS

At the [December Board meeting](#), the Board approved [amendments](#) to Section F-121 Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) and Bleeding Control Kit (BCK) of the Florida Fire Prevention Code, 7th Edition (2020).

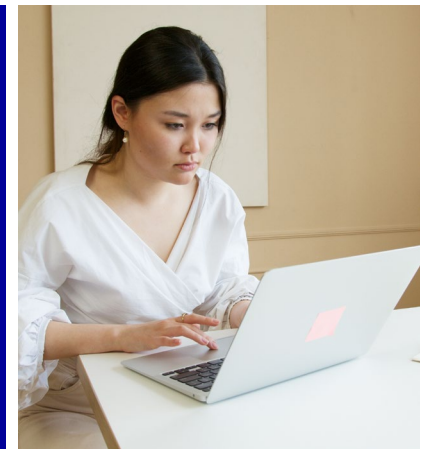
The BORA Fire Code Committee voted unanimously to approve the modifications on [October 20, 2022](#). Renaming Stop the Bleed (SBK) to Bleeding Control Kit (BCK) and modifying code section F-121 AED and BCK provides more clarity, is more resendable in its application and provides better guidance to number of units and locations along with appropriate quantities.

FORMAL INTERPRETATION #23 RESCINDED

The Board of Rules and Appeals [approved](#) to rescind [Formal Interpretation #23: Building Permit Valuation](#).

Formal interpretation #23 conflicted with Florida Statute (FS) 553.79(f) and the Broward County Amendments (Chapter 1) of the 7th Edition Florida Building Code (2020), Section 109.3.1.

Both, the FS and Chapter 1 prevent Building Officials from requiring a contract between a builder and an owner for the issuance of a building permit or as a requirement for the submission of a building permit application.





UPDATED BUILDING AND FIRE CERTIFICATION FORMS

The Board **adopted** revisions to the building and fire **certification forms** following the approval of online notarization being adopted by at the **November 2022** Board meeting.

The BORA staff simplified the certification forms by incorporating the following changes:

1. Adding the online notarization checkboxes to the certification forms to meet the requirements of F.S.117.05 and remove the need for the additional jurat form.
2. Removing scrivener errors and unnecessary language and reformatting forms.
3. Adding language to the fire certification forms.
4. Updating the checklist on page two and adding the language from BORA Policy #18-02.

2023 FIRE INSPECTOR EXAM REGISTRATION

The Broward County Fire Inspector Exam will be offered throughout the year on the following dates:

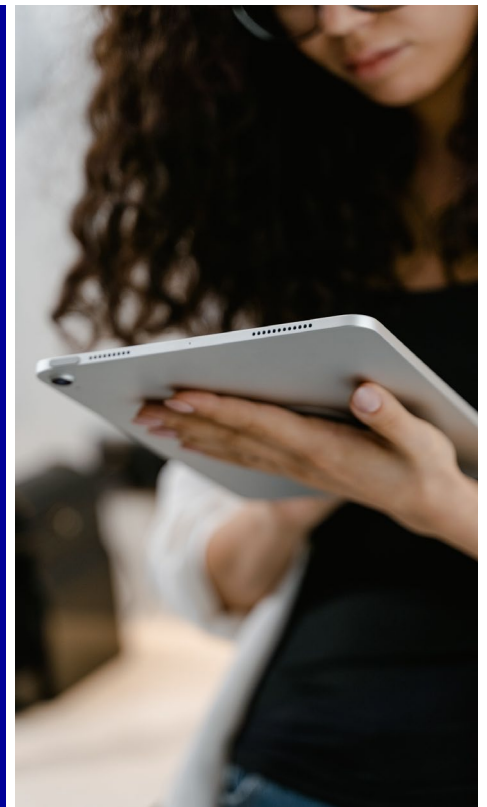
- **March 10, 2023**
- **May 12, 2023**
- **September 15, 2023**
- **November 17, 2023**

To register for the exam, submit a completed **application** and policy statement by email to **Jonda Joseph** or via mail (1 N. University Drive, Suite 3500B, Plantation, FL 33324).

The Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals will pay for first-time test takers. Retakes must be paid for by the test-taker.

A \$60.00 fee can be paid by money order before the exam **OR** by debit/credit card on the day of the exam.

Broward BORA will, upon request, provide auxiliary aids and services leading to effective communication for people with disabilities., Qualified sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, documents in Braille and other ways of communication will be made available to people who have speech, hearing or vision impairments.



2023 ELECTRICAL SEMINARS

The Board of Rules and Appeals and the International Association of Electrical Inspectors (IAEI) sponsor electrical seminars for the public throughout the year. The [2023 Electrical Seminars Schedule](#) is available online.

The monthly courses and Board of Directors meetings are open to IAEI members and guests. Please contact [Kenneth Castronovo](#) for more information about the seminars.



BROWARD BORA ACH PAYMENT SYSTEM

The Board of Rules and Appeals accepts Automated Clearing House (ACH) payments. This payment method is voluntary. Advantages of the Electronic Funds Transfer include:

- Facilitates 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. They are also low cost, secure and convenient.
- Reduces human error and increases time savings.
- Provides the ability to pay remotely.
- Avoids late payments and maintains the 3% discount (if electronic payments are submitted by the 15 of each month).

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 before the 15th of each month. To enroll in the electronic funds transfer and to report your online payments to the Board of Rules and Appeals, you must send the following supporting documentation to [Maria "Pat" Kong](#):

1. A copy of the electronic transaction reporting the total amount made to our account.
2. The 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. A breakdown showing the minimum of \$2.00 charge if applicable.

2023 FIABC SPRING SEMINAR CONFERENCE

The annual Fire Inspectors Association of Broward County (FIABC) [Spring Seminar Conference](#) will offer several courses throughout the four-day seminar. Please visit the [FIABC website](#) to register for the event.

VOTING MEMBERS

Mr. Daniel Lavrich, P.E., S.I., F.ASCE,
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Structural Engineer

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Architect

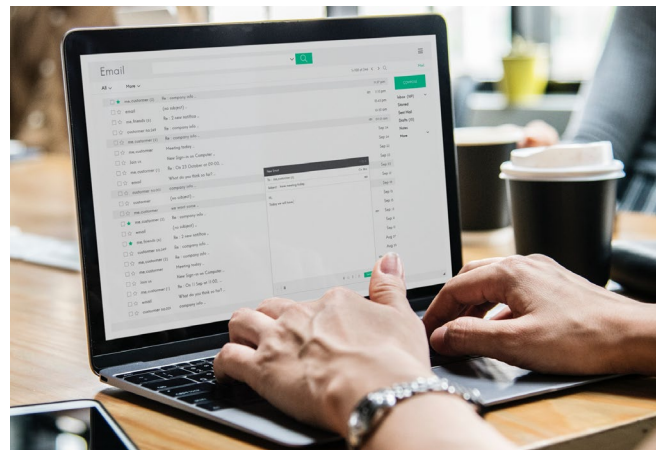
Mr. Robert A. Kamm, P.E.
Mechanical Engineer

MEET OUR BOARD MEMBERS

The Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals is made up of amazing people who volunteer their valuable time and service without compensation. 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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Architect

Mr. Steven Feller, P.E.
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Mr. Alberto Fernandez
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Mr. Robert Taylor
Fire Service Professional

Mr. Derrick Wassink, P.E.
Structural Engineer

Mr. David Rice, P.E.
Electrical Engineer

Mr. James Terry
Master Plumber

Mr. David Tringo
Master Electrician

VACANT
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.