

THE BORA QUARTERLY

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



WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the first issue of **The BORA Quarterly!** We hope that you enjoy this new way that our agency is keeping you informed about what's going on in our office and the progress that our organization is making!

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JUNE 14, 2018

Board Meeting

7:00p

Broward County Governmental Center
115 S. Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

JUNE 19, 2018

BDA Committee Meeting

1:30p

Broward County Emergency Operations Center
201 NW 84th Avenue, Plantation, FL 33324

JUNE 25-28, 2018

Certified Fire Plans Examiner (CFPE) Course

8:00a - 4:00p

Plantation Fire Station
550 NW 65th Avenue, Plantation, FL 33313

JULY 19, 2018

Building Certification Review Committee Meeting

9:00a

Broward County Emergency Operations Center
201 NW 84th Avenue, Plantation, FL 33324

JULY 26-27, 2018

NEC Photovoltaic (PV) Systems Course

8:00a - 4:00p

Garfield Community Center
300 Connecticut Street, Hollywood, FL 33019

***Additional courses to be announced for Summer 2018**

NEW BUILDING CODE JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

BROWARD COUNTY

- Assistant Building Official
- Building Code Inspector (Structural)
- Chief Building Code Inspector - Mechanical Section
- Plans Examiner (Mechanical)
- Plans Examiner (Plumbing)
- Plans Examiner (Structural)

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



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

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Hello,

We are the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals. Our agency works to ensure that the building and fire codes are uniformly applied throughout Broward County.

We can aid the human resources departments and city/county building departments in the certification process for building and fire personnel. Assistance provided by the BORA staff is available. Please call us to set up a meeting.

Contact us. We're here to help you!

CONNECT WITH US ONLINE!

 @BrowardBORA

 Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals

INTERESTED IN EARNING MORE CONTACT HOURS?

- By attending Broward BORA's board meetings and/or committee meetings, you will receive 1 hour of the required credit.
- With a General Membership to the Broward County Building Officials Association, you will receive a 1/2 hour of the required credit for attending monthly meetings.

If you take a picture while attending one of our meetings, classes or events tag us **@BrowardBORA** or use the hashtag **#BrowardBORA** in your photos to be featured on our official social media pages and in our newsletter.

FREE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

We have teamed up with the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) for a three-year program worth an estimated \$712,500.00 to provide certification and non-certification courses to Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals certified individuals employed by Broward County municipalities at no charge.

All jurisdictions will have equal opportunity to apply for the following courses. We will ensure that one slot will be reserved for each municipality, but the remaining slots will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Visit broward.org/CodeAppeals for applications.

CERTIFIED COURSES

- Certified Fire Inspector I (CFI-I)
- Certified Fire Inspector II (CFI-II)
- Certified Fire Protection Specialist (CFPS)
- Certified Fire Plans Examiner (CFPE)

NON-CERTIFIED COURSES

- NFPA 30: Flammable and Combustible Liquids Code
- NFPA 54: National Fuel Gas Code
- NFPA 58: Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code
- NFPA (NEC) 70E: Standard for Electrical Safety in the Workplace
- NFPA 72: National Alarm and Signaling Code
- Changes to the 2014 NEC
- NEC Photovoltaic (PV) Systems



COMPLEMENTARY BOOK LOAN PROGRAM

Don't forget about our Complementary Book Loan Program. Books are available for studying for the following state license exams: Commercial Building Inspector, Commercial Electrical Inspector, Commercial Mechanical Inspector, Commercial Plumbing Inspector, Florida Roofing Inspector, Building Plans Examiner, Electrical Plans Examiner, Mechanical Plans Examiner and Plumbing Plans Examiner.

BROWARD BORA PROPOSES RATE DECREASES AND FEE REMOVALS

PLANTATION, Fla. – At the most recent Board Meeting on May 10, the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals proposed changes to the 2019 Fiscal Year Budget. BORA proposed a rate decrease of the municipality construction fees as well as the elimination of the current \$50 appeal application fee.

In 1987 the municipal fee was \$0.35 per \$1,000. Since then, the municipal fees' basic cost increase has been less than the cost of living index determined by the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics. The Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals' revenues are projected to exceed our yearly expenses for the next five years; therefore, no rate increases are anticipated during the five-year period.



With this in mind, the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals staff proposed to reduce the municipal fee charged to all government jurisdictions in Broward County from the present \$0.68 per \$1,000 of construction valuation to \$0.65 per \$1,000. This change will result in a 4.4% rate decrease. The current fee has been in place since October 2012.

The elimination of the \$50 appeal application fee will allow us to align ourselves with the policies of Miami-Dade County.

The final decision will be made by the Broward County Commission in August 2018. If the proposals are approved the new policies will be in effect starting October 1, 2018. Our office will notify all building departments once a decision has been made, to give an adequate amount of time for municipalities to update their systems. For more information on the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals' current policies visit broward.org/CodeAppeals.



DID YOUR DEPARTMENT RECEIVE YOUR COPIES?

We recently mailed building and fire departments our latest updates to the following:

- Florida Building Code (Chapter I)
- Florida Fire Prevention Code - Broward County Amendments
- Technical Amendments
- Formal Interpretations

If your department is interested in receiving additional hard copies, free of charge, please contact Brianna Curry (x9885) or Ruth Boselli (x9889).



PROVIDING CODE BOOKS FOR BUILDING DEPARTMENTS

We allocated \$34,356.07 for the 2018 fiscal year to be able to provide code books for the building departments of Broward County.

HOW DID WE SPEND IT?

Florida Building Code (6th Edition - 2017)

\$17,006.08

Florida Fire Prevention Code (6th Edition)

\$10,882.20

**ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 188-2015,
Legionellasis: Risk Management for Building
Water Systems**

\$1,600.00

National Electric Code, NFPA 70 (2014)

\$5,267.79

BORA AT BROWARD COUNTY BUILDING OFFICIALS MEETING

TAMARAC, Fla. – Members of the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals staff were present at the Broward County Building Officials (formerly known as the Building Officials & Inspectors Educational Association) meeting. The staff presented the May agency updates to the association members about policy revisions and educational opportunities.

POLICY 06-06 REVISION

Policy 06-06 was revised and intended to be aligned with the new Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Board (BCAIB) rules. Under the revised policy, inspectors with provisional licenses are restricted to work in the municipality that they are certified in, rather than the having the freedom to work anywhere throughout the county (which was previously permitted by Broward BORA). From now on, when the certification cards are printed, the name of the municipality will be printed on the card. The new policy revisions were approved at the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals’ Board Meeting on May 10, 2018.



ADA ACCESSIBILITY TRAINING COURSE

The Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals hosted an ADA Accessibility Training Course on May 2 featuring Florida Building Commissioner, Jeffrey Gross and Larry Schneider. The Broward BORA Chief Plumbing Code Compliance Officer, Otto Viñas, announced that Schneider and Gross are both in talks to participate in another training course in 2019.



WOULD YOU 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.



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Bill Flett
Roofing Contractor

David Rice, P.E
Electrical Engineer

Jeff Falkanger
Architect

We work hand in hand with The Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance. Visit their [website](#) to learn about their efforts to improve the permitting experience in Broward County through their Platinum Permitting Concierge program.