

THE BORA QUARTERLY

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

WELCOME BACK!

We hope that you enjoyed your summer. Ours was a busy one! Between committee meetings and continuing education courses, you probably heard a lot from our office lately.

This quarter is filled with more continuing education opportunities and building department recertification. Make sure that you stay connected with us to stay informed.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 12, 2019

Board Meeting
7:00p
Broward County Governmental Center
115 S. Andrews Ave., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

SEPTEMBER 13, 2019

Fire Inspector Exam
9:00a
Plantation Fire Station
550 NW 65th Avenue, Plantation, FL 33313

SEPTEMBER 24-25, 2019

Masonry Construction & Inspection
Certification Workshop
7:30a – 4:30p
Pompano Beach Cultural Center
50 W. Atlantic Blvd., Pompano Beach, FL 33060

SEPTEMBER 26-27, 2019

NFPA 58: Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code
8:00a – 4:00p
Volunteer Park
12050 W. Sunrise Blvd., Plantation, FL 33324

OCTOBER 14-17, 2019

NFPA Certified Fire Plans Examiner (CFPE)
8:00a – 4:00p
Plantation Fire Station
550 NW 65th Avenue, Plantation, FL 33313
*** Application Deadline: September 17, 2019**

OCTOBER 29, 2019

NFPA 99: Health Care Facilities Code
8:00a – 4:00p
Plantation Fire Station
550 NW 65th Avenue, Plantation, FL 33313



BUILDING CODE JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

COOPER CITY

- Structural Inspector/
Plans Examiner

DAVIE

- Building Official

HALLANDALE

- Chief Electrical Inspector

POMPANO BEACH

- Building Field Inspector
(Structural)
- Building Plans Examiner
(Structural)

TAMARAC

- Plumbing Inspector/Plans
Examiner
- Structural Inspector/Plans
Examiner


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


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.

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 Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals

BORA 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.

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INTERESTED IN EARNING MORE CONTACT HOURS?

- 24 hours of training is required during the 2-year building certification cycle.
- 60 hours of training is 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), ½ 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.



MUNICIPAL FEE DECREASE

A rate decrease was proposed to the Board at the May 9, 2019 Board Meeting. It was recommended that the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals reduce the municipal fee (that is charged to all Broward County municipalities) from the present \$0.65 per \$1,000 construction valuation to \$0.52 per \$1,000, resulting in a 20% rate decrease. After the rate decrease, there will be no change to the \$2.00 minimum fee.

The Board voted unanimously to recommend the rate decrease to the Broward County Commission. The final decision was made by the Broward County Commission at a public hearing on September 10, 2019. Since the recommendation was approved, the new rate decrease will be effective on October 1, 2019.

The Broward BORA Rate Decrease Chart will be delivered to your department throughout the upcoming weeks. If your department would like assistance with preparing for the rate decrease, feel free to contact mkong@broward.org or jdipietro@broward.org.



CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Since the beginning of FY 2018, the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals has offered 14 Certified and Non-Certified courses in partnership with the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA), providing training to BORA Certified Building Officials, Inspectors, Plans Examiners and Chiefs. Our agency is offering three more opportunities to further your education through the NFPA in 2019:

- **NFPA 58:** Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code
- NFPA Certified Fire Plans Examiner (**CFPE**)
- **NFPA 99:** Health Care Facilities Code

Please email your completed applications (and required documentation) to bcurry@broward.org.

PREVENTING INTERFERENCE WITH CERTIFIED BUILDING AND FIRE CODE PERSONNEL

Please see the “Interference with Certified Building and Fire Code Personnel” policy approved by the Board of Rules and Appeals on December 8, 2016:

Pursuant to Florida Statutes 468.604 and 633.118 and the Broward County Charter, the Building and Fire Departments are to be administered on a professional and non-political basis.

The Florida Building Code (Chapter I Broward County Amendments and Local Fire Amendments) addresses one principal code enforcing officer for each of the certified Building and/or Fire Departments; that being, the Building Officials (section 104.1.1) and/or the Fire Code Officials (104.19.2).

The Board of Rules and Appeals certifies every building and fire department after it has determined to its satisfaction that the building and fire inspectors, (which include the Building Official, Chief Structural Inspector, Chief Electrical Inspector, Chief Plumbing Inspector, Chief Mechanical Inspector, Fire Code Official/Fire Marshal, Fire Plans Examiner and Fire Inspectors), are competent and qualified by the provisions of the Florida Building Code (Chapter I, Broward County Amendments and Local Fire Amendments) to act in their respective disciplines as may be amended from time to time by the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals.

For the purpose of inspection and plans examination and other functions that require personnel certified by the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals, competent and qualified building and fire inspectors and building and fire plans examiners along with inspectors shall be employed by the local building departments whose elected or appointed officials charged with the responsibility of ensuring compliance with the Florida Building Code (Chapter I Broward County Amendments and Local Fire Amendments). If any elected or appointed officials knowingly or negligently allow or permit any new building or structures, both private and public or any alterations, additions or repairs in any new or existing building or structure, both private and public, including but not limited to county buildings or structures, municipal buildings or structures, hospitals, and any other building or structure of any governmental authority, to be erected within Broward County in violation of the Florida Building Code, or Florida Fire Prevention Code, or if any of the elected or appointed officials prohibit, by any means, directly or indirectly, the use of any materials, types of construction and methods of design authorized by the code or alternate materials, types of construction and methods of design approved by the provisions of the codes, then the elected or appointed officials may be removed from office for nonfeasance, misfeasance or malfeasance in office.

Per state law, violation of the preceding paragraphs by an elected or appointed official or officials shall constitute a misdemeanor of the second degree punishable in Florida Statutes section 775.082 or 775.083.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Editor’s Note: *The Board of Rules and Appeals voted to approve the issuance of the above Memorandum on December 8, 2016 by a unanimous vote of 11 to 0.*



BDA INSTALLATION STANDARDS

Broward County is one of the leaders in code compliance for Bi-Directional Amplifier (BDA) Installations in the United States. At the most recent BDA Committee meeting, on July 29, 2019, the following recommendations were made:

- Bi-Directional Amplifiers are permitted under Section 118 of the Florida Building Code – Broward County Edition.
- The Engineer or Record shall sign and seal all permit drawings.
- All applicable codes must be stated on the plans.
- The system shall not be energized until written authorization is obtained by each AHJ.

QUARTERLY CODE INTERPRETATION

CODE NAME

Florida Administrative Rule 61G19-6.012 Provisional Certificates.

CODE LANGUAGE

- 1) The Board shall issue a provisional certificate to any newly employed or newly promoted building code administrator, subject to the provisions of Section 468.609, F.S., and the provisions of this rule. The board shall issue a provisional certificate to any building code inspector or plans examiner who meets the eligibility requirements subject to the provisions of Section 468.609, F.S., and the provisions of this rule.
- 2) Provisional inspector or plans examiner certificates shall only be issued to applicants who demonstrate at the time of their application that they possess all of the standards and eligibility requirements for standard certification as set forth in Section 468.609(2), F.S. Provisional building code administrator certificates shall only be issued to applicants who demonstrate at the time of their application that they possess all of the standards and eligibility requirements for standard certification as set forth in Section 468.609(3), F.S.
- 3) Provisional certificates shall only be issued to persons employed or contracted by an agency of government and the authority of the certificate shall be limited to the jurisdiction of the government agency with which the applicant was employed at the time the provisional certificate was originally issued.

CODE INTERPRETATION

A person working with a provisional license can only work in the jurisdiction or jurisdictions under the same building official who signed their provisional license application.

E-PERMITTING IS AVAILABLE IN POMPANO BEACH

Broward County and the City of Pompano Beach launched **ePermitsOneStop** on August 6, 2019. The objective of the website is to allow customers to submit their applications and have their plans reviewed online for permits, licenses and approvals.

For more information, contact **Broward’s Environmental and Consumer Protection Division** at 954-519-1260 or the **City of Pompano Beach’s Building Department** at 954-786-4670.



SUMMER SIZZLE 2019

The 3rd Annual Broward County Summer Sizzle Fire & Safety Kids Camp was a success! The event held on July 16-19, was facilitated by the Broward Sheriff Fire Rescue and the Fire Chief’s Association.

The Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals was a donor for the event that hosted 1,161 children, age 5-18 from 28 summer camps throughout Broward County.

FOLLOW-UP: 40-YEAR (AND OLDER) BUILDING SAFETY INSPECTION PROGRAM

During the summer months, municipal building departments throughout Broward County began to notify property owners whose buildings are subject to the 40 Year (and Older) Building Safety Inspection Program. If your property is 40 years or older, please contact the building department in the municipality where your property is located.

Remember, property inspections must be completed by a licensed professional engineer or a registered architect. For more information about the 40-Year (and Older) Building Safety Inspection, please see the program’s **brochure** and **FAQs** or contact **mguerasio@broward.org** or **kcastronovo@broward.org**.





2018-2019 RECERTIFICATION CYCLE ENDING

The 2018-2019 Building Recertification Cycle is ending this December. Remember to submit your recertification packet to the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals office (1 N. University Drive, Suite 3500B, Plantation, FL 33324) by December 5, 2019.

All applications shall include the required information in the following order:

1. Building Official Checklist
2. Recertification Application
3. License Numbers Form
4. Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals Policy #14-02
5. Complete the Affidavit of Education and submit it along with either copies of Certificates or Department of Business and Professional Regulation print out of Continuing Education Attendance. Note: At least 1/2 of this requirement must be discipline specific courses.
6. Copy of State/County Contractors/(MEP) Journeyman’s License or Provide State copy from State Website verification.
 - Copy of Registered Architect License
 - Copy of Professional Engineer License
7. Copy of BCAIB (State) Code Certificates (Inspector, Plans Examiner, etc.) or Provide State copy from State Website verification.

*** Failure to include these items shall be cause for rejection.*

BROWARD BORA RECERTIFICATION PROGRAM RESOURCES

For more information about the recertification process as the 2018-2019 certification cycle comes to an end, please see the program’s Recertification Application on the Broward BORA website or contact jondajoseph@broward.org.



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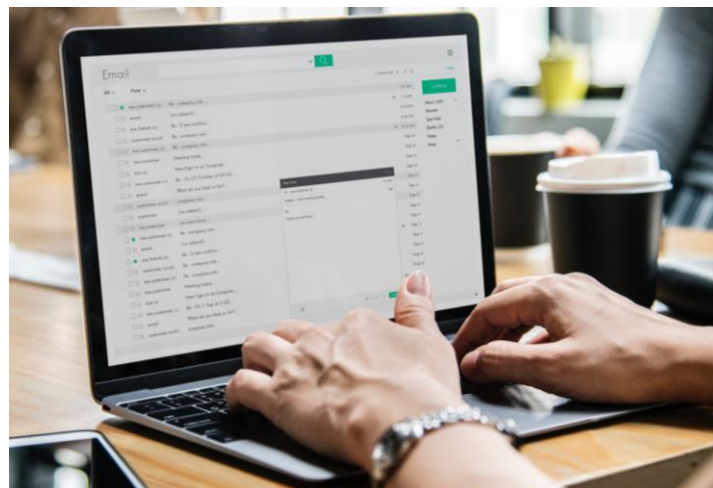
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Visit our [website](#) to learn who they are and what their specialties are.

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.



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