

THE BORA QUARTERLY

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

SEASONS GREETINGS!

Our staff is grateful for everyone who we had an opportunity to work with throughout the year. We hope that the last quarter of 2022 treats you well as we transition into 2023.

Happy Holidays from Broward BORA!



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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.

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Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals

BORA AGENDAS AND BROWARD COUNTY AMENDMENTS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE!

Both the Board Meeting Agendas and the Committee Meeting Agendas are available on the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals website.

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

DECEMBER 8, 2022

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

JANUARY 10, 2023

Maxipro Presentation at FAPGMI
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM
Course Information → TBA

DECEMBER 14, 2022

Open Discussion with the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals
2:00 PM
Meeting Information → [BORA Open Discussion](#)

JANUARY 12, 2023

Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals Board Meeting
7:00 PM
Meeting Information → TBA

JANUARY 6, 2023

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

JANUARY 19, 2023

BORA Fire Code Committee Meeting
Meeting Information → TBA



BUILDING CODE JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

MARGATE

- Electrical Plans Examiner/Inspector (Part-Time)
- Structural Plans Examiner

MIRAMAR

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

OAKLAND PARK

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

POMPANO BEACH

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

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

2022 BUILDING SAFETY INSPECTION PROGRAM FOLLOW-UP

Property owners of buildings 40-years old or older, should have been notified by the municipal building departments where the property is located to begin the [Building Safety Inspection Program](#) process.

If the notification was not received, please contact the building department in the municipality where your property is located. Property owners will be held accountable for completed the inspection whether the municipality contacts you or not. **Please be advised that the inspection does not require the building to be brought up to current code, but the code in effect at the date listed on the certificate of occupancy.**

- Building Safety Inspection Program – [Informational Packet \(Policy 05-05\)](#)
- Building Safety Inspection Program – [FBC Chapter 1, Section 110.15](#)
- Building Safety Inspection Program – [Brochure](#)
- Building Safety Inspection Program – [FAQs](#)

Please keep in mind that the property inspection must be completed by a licensed professional engineer or a registered architect. For electrical questions, contact [Kenneth Castronovo](#). For structural questions, contact [Michael Guerasio](#) or [Jack Morell](#).

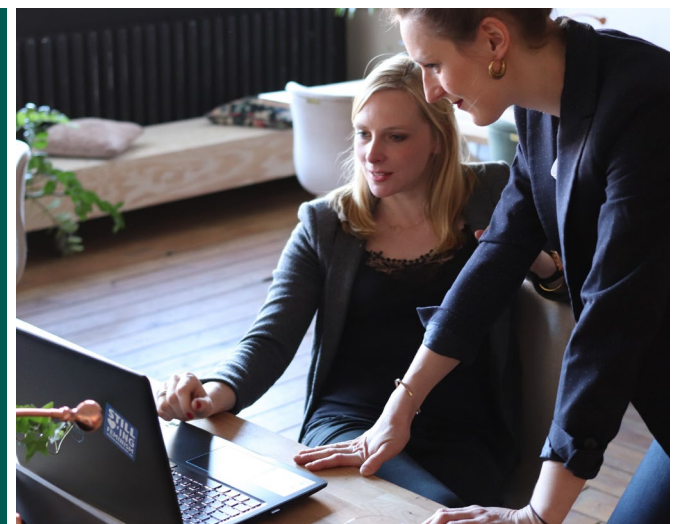
Our agency offers the 40- and 50-Year list of buildings due for safety inspections originated by the Broward County Property Appraiser (BCPA) for the calendar years 2019-2022 on our [website](#). If you would like to request a copy of the original BCPA list in Excel format for the previous years, please submit your request to [Ruth Boselli](#).

OPEN DISCUSSION MEETING WITH BROWARD BORA

The next “[Open Discussion with the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals](#)” is scheduled for Wednesday, December 14, 2022, via Zoom.

This is an open discussion meeting for you to be able to discuss any building or fire code topic, and/or submit any written question in advance, or provide comments/ideas that may come to mind. ***No votes will be taken during this meeting.***

To submit a question, comment or idea before the meeting, please send an email to rulesboard@broward.org.



NEW BROWARD BORA FORMAL INTERPRETATIONS

Formal Interpretation #31 – Exempting solar panels from rooftop clearance requirements, Sections 1522.3, 1522.3.1

The rooftop clearance requirements for permanently mounted equipment as specified in FBC Section 1522.3, 1522.3.1 are not intended to be applied to rooftop mounted photovoltaic panels and solar thermal installations.

Formal Interpretation #32 – Paper Reduction, providing that Roof System Application Notice of Acceptance submittal only include the product approval documentation that matches the installation criteria, Section 1512.2.1

The intent of FBC 1512.2.1 is that when a proposed permitted roofing system utilizes a current and valid product approval, these product approvals may contain multiple pages describing a multitude of various roof systems. The Board has determined that it is not necessary to submit the entire product approval package with the roofing application submittal.

In an effort to reduce paperwork, it has been deemed only the necessary pages are required for permit submittal. Please select the system that matches your installation criteria and include only those pages that apply. (i.e., Cover Pages, Product Data Sheets, Specific Installation Pages, General Limitations, etc.)

Formal Interpretation #33 – Proposed Formal Interpretation pertaining to the maximum distance from the source of hot water to the fixture in commercial buildings per Section 607.2 of the FBC Plumbing Code and C404.5 of the FBC Energy Conservation Code.

Section C404.5 shall be applicable per Chapter 1, Section 102.1 because when there is a conflict between a general requirement and a specific requirement, the specific requirement shall apply.



UPDATED BORA CERTIFICATION APPLICATIONS FOR BUILDING OFFICIALS AND CHIEF INSPECTORS

Please remember to use the updated [BORA Certification Applications](#) for building officials, assistant building officials and chief inspectors were adopted by the Board of Rules and Appeals.

The applications include fields for applicants to disclose all the jurisdictions where they serve and the titles that they hold in each jurisdiction.

For more information, please contact a Broward BORA [Chief Code Compliance Officer](#).

BROWARD BORA COMPLIMENTARY BOOK LOAN PROGRAM

The Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals' Complimentary Book Loan Program is available to municipal code officials. There are books 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
- Plumbing Plans Examiner
- Building Code Administrator

The books will take about two weeks to order. Please follow the steps below:

- Send your completed [application](#), with your department's Building Official's signature, by email to [Brianna Curry](#).
- The six-month loan period starts when the books are picked up from the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals' office.
- Individuals can return borrowed books by the end of the six-month loan period or utilize the onetime 3-month extension.

AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 104.1.1 AND SECTION 104.3 OF FBC (2020) POSTPONED

The Board of Rules and Appeals approved the postponement of proposed amendments to Section 104.1.1 and Section 104.3 at the [November Board Meeting](#). An ad hoc committee will be created in 2023 to ensure that valuable insight and recommendations are provided to the Board.

2023 BORA BOARD MEETING CALENDAR

The Board of Rules and Appeals 2023 Board Meeting Calendar is available on the Broward BORA [website](#). The calendar includes voluntary cut-off dates and mandatory emergency appeal deadlines.

Please refer to the Board meeting schedule for deadlines regarding building/fire code appeals and the mandatory deadlines for all other agenda items, including certifications. To receive Board meeting agenda notifications, please submit a [request](#).



BOARD APPROVAL: BROWARD COUNTY AMENDMENTS TO THE FLORIDA BUILDING CODE, 7TH EDITION (2020)

Section 110.15, Building Safety Inspection Program, and readoption of Board of Rules and Appeals **Policy #05-05**, Building Safety Inspection Program, to include amendments and inspection forms.

Section 105.3.1.5, Subsection 4, adding an exception related to a “Simplified Permitting Process for Fire Alarm System Projects” to provide consistency with Senate Bill (SB) 1140-2022.

Section 105.17, Streamlined Low-Voltage Alarm System Installation Permitting, revising the definition of the term, “low-voltage alarm system project” to provide consistency with Senate Bill (SB) 1140-2022.

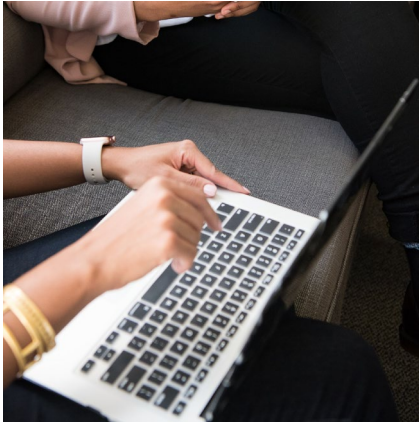
Section 105.3.1.6, Reviewing Application for Building Permits, to provide consistency with House Bill (HB) 423-2022 that modified Florida Statute 553.792; revising requirements for when a local government requests certain additional information from an applicant for a building permit; limiting the number of times the local government may request such information; providing requirements for a local government if a certain request is made by an applicant.

Section 105.3.1.5, Chapter 1, Florida Building Code, 7th Edition, (2020) related to the design and installation of fire protection systems to provide consistency with Senate Bill (SB) 286-2021.

Section 105.18, Demolition, to provide consistency with HB 423 of 2022 that created subsection (25)(a) of Florida Statute 553.79 providing that a local government may not prohibit or restrict demolition permits for single-family residential structures located in flood hazard areas.

Section 111.1.1, Use and Occupancy, to provide consistency with HB 423 of 2022 that amended Florida Statute 553.791(13), requiring the local building official to issue a certificate of occupancy or certificate of completion within a certain number of days after receipt of certain information, including the payment of all outstanding fees; providing that a certificate of occupancy or certificate of completion is automatically granted and issued, and the permit application closed, under certain circumstances; requiring the local building official to provide a written certificate of occupancy or certificate of completion within a specified time.





UPDATED UNIFORM COUNTYWIDE FORMS

Throughout the last quarter, the following [Uniform Countywide Forms](#) were updated and should be shared throughout the municipal building departments:

- Broward County Uniform Building Permit [Application](#)
- Mandatory Countywide Rooftop Mounted Equipment Affidavit ([Board Policy 22-03](#))
- Uniform Data Form for Residential and Light Air Conditioning Replacements ([Board Policy 19-02](#))
- Dwelling Unit Supplemental Water Heater Permit Application ([Board Policy 22-03](#))

2023 BROWARD COUNTY FIRE INSPECTOR EXAM REGISTRATION

The 2023 exam dates are available for the Broward County Fire Inspector Exam:

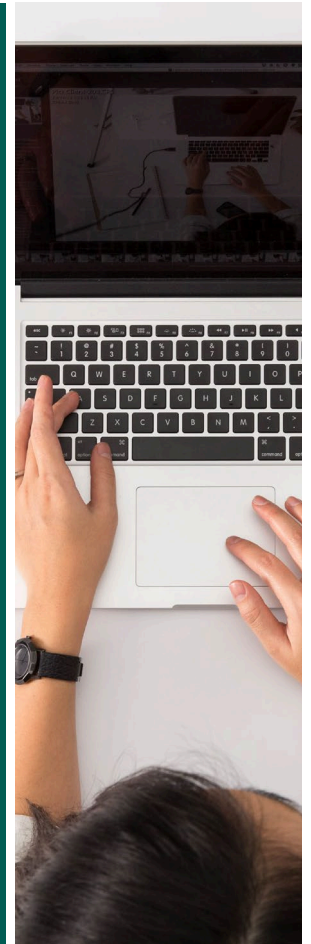
- Friday, January 6, 2023
- Friday, March 10, 2023
- Friday, May 12, 2023 (Mandatory F-103.5.3.2)
- Friday, September 15, 2023
- Friday, November 17, 2023 (Mandatory F-103.5.3.2)

To qualify for the exam, submit the completed and signed [application](#) and policy statement by mail to the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals (1 N. University Drive, Suite 3500B, Plantation, FL 33324) or by email to [Jonda Joseph](#).

The Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals will pay for first-time test takers to take the Broward County Fire Inspector Exam. The retakes must be paid for by the test taker. A \$60.00 fee must be paid by money order before the exam **OR** by debit card/credit card on the day of the exam.

Also, the Broward BORA will, upon request, provide auxiliary aids and services leading to effective communication for people with disabilities, including qualified sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, documents in Braille, and other ways of making communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Please request auxiliary aid or service on the exam application.



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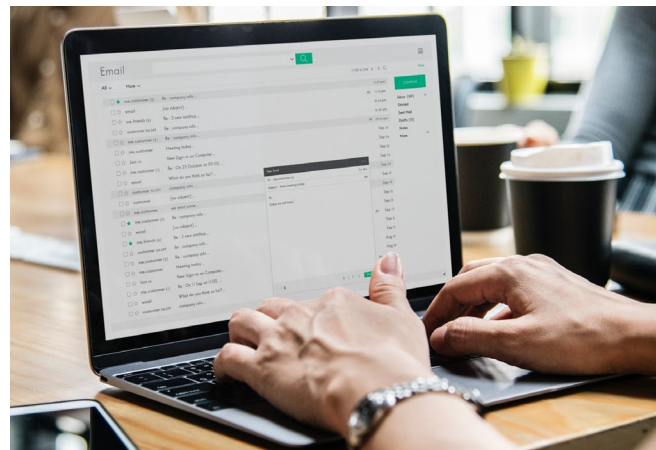
Mr. Robert A. Kamm, P.E.
Mechanical Engineer

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.



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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.