

BROWARD COUNTY BOARD OF RULES & APPEALS MEETING
Thursday, May 14, 2009 – Broward County Governmental Center
115 S. Andrews Avenue, Room 422, Fort Lauderdale, FL
Time: 7:00 P.M.

Call Meeting to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes – April 2009

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Certifications

Staff Recommended

REGULAR AGENDA

1.A Certification Joseph Crew

2. Multi Year Budget Planning, Request for Fee Adjustments

- a. Report of Administrative Director
- b. Public Hearing
- c. Board Action

3. Schedule for Eliminating Code Compliance Officer Permanent Overnight Vehicle Assignments, Proposed Policy #09-02 (Tabled from April 2nd Meeting)

- a. Recommendation of Administrative Director
- b. If desired, motion approving policy

4. Recommendations of Joint Broward and Miami-Dade Board of Rules and Appeals Sub-Committee Concerning Building Code Requirements and Issues Related to Solar Energy Systems - Solar Thermal and Solar Electric

A. Recommendation with respect to Uniform Permit Submittal Matrix, Proposed Board Policy #09-03

- a. Staff Report
- b. If desired, motion approving policy

B. Recommendation to Adopt Formal Interpretation with Respect to Rooftop Clearance Requirements

- a. Staff Report
- b. If desired, motion to adopt formal interpretation

5. Recommendation of Ad Hoc Emergency Escape and Rescue Committee

- a. Staff Report
- b. Board Action

6. Director's Report

7. General Discussion

8. Adjournment

If a person desires to appeal any decision with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, such person will need record of the proceedings and, for this reason, such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based (Sec. 286.0105.FS). (Members: If you cannot attend the meeting, please contact Mr. DiPietro @ (954) 931-2393, between 6:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.)

Request for formal interpretations to the Florida Building Commission

1. Does R310.4 prohibit the temporary installation or closure of storm shutters, panels, and other approved hurricane protection devices during the threat of a storm over the required exit door as specified in R311.4?
2. In R202, the definition of "Means of Escape" states that it must be independent and remotely located from the means of egress.
 - a. Does this section require two independent ways to exit a residential structure when protection devices are installed during the threat of a storm?
 - b. If both a means of escape and a means of egress are required when protection devices are installed during the threat of a storm, can they share a common path of travel? An example would be a stairway on a two story residential structure where the means of escape must be a path to a door at street or ground level.
 - c. If two independent ways are required how far apart would be considered "remotely"?
3. If both a means of escape and a means of egress are required when protection devices are installed during the threat of a storm and must be remote, can they share a common path of travel? An example would be a stairway on a two story residential structure where the means of escape must be a path to a door at street or ground level.
4. Can the "means of Escape" that is required by R310.4 be protected by an external protective device that is releasable or removable from the inside? An example would be an in-swinging door protected by an accordion shutter that is releasable from the inside.

5. **Recommendation of Ad Hoc Emergency Escape and Rescue Committee**

Mr. Carroll advised that Sandy Laguna, Building Official Pembroke Pines had requested Formal Interpretations. He further informed the Board that an Ad Hoc Committee was formed by the former Chairman, John R. Smith to address Mr. Laguna's request. Enclosed is the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee which are separated into two sets of recommendations, the first set is a request to the Florida Building Commission for Formal Interpretations which requires a \$250 fee the Board will have to pay to the Commission to issue the Formal Interpretation. A motion to approve the expenditure of \$250 is necessary. Part two of the request will be handled on a local level by either a Formal Interpretation or a Technical Code Amendment. Staff and legal recommend we hold action on THE SECOND PART of the work of the Ad Hoc Committee until such time that the Florida Building Commission issues the Formal Interpretation.

Mr. Lavrich moved to approve the request for formal interpretation to the Florida Building Commission as requested by staff. The motion was duly seconded by Mr. Kastner.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH A VOTE OF 11 – 0.

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