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A D V I S O R Y M E M O

TO: Miami-Dade County Building Officials

**FROM: Herminio F. Gonzalez, P.E., Secretary
Board of Rules and Appeals**

DATE: October 29, 2002

SUBJECT: BORA Interpretation on Canvas Awning Design

The issue of canvas awning design was addressed by the Building Subcommittee of the Board of Rules and Appeals at their meeting conducted on October 15, 2002. The Building Subcommittee heard from members of the industry, as well as Building Officials and members of staff, who presented relevant information regarding canvas awning design. Upon careful deliberation, the Subcommittee developed a recommendation to be presented to the full Board at their next meeting.

At the October 24, 2002 meeting of the Board of Rules and Appeals, the issue of canvas awning design was addressed and the Subcommittee presented their recommendation.

The recommendation suggested that Building Officials consider and accept, as an alternate, canvas awning design based on the provisions contained previously in Chapter 43 of the South Florida Building Code; but with the stipulation that the "fastest mile" design wind speeds contained in Chapter 43 be converted to the equivalent ASCE 7-98 three second gust design wind speeds.

The issues were duly discussed; and ultimately the Sub-committee's recommendation was affirmed by a unanimous vote of the Board of Rules and Appeals.

Please feel free to address any questions regarding this matter to Mr. Jaime Eisen, P.E., of my staff at (305) 375-2901.