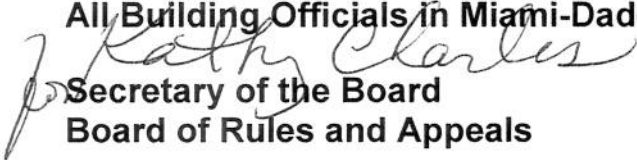




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TO: All Building Officials in Miami-Dade County

FROM:  Secretary of the Board
Board of Rules and Appeals

DATE: October 24th, 2012

SUBJECT: Interpretation of FBC Chapter 6 and Chapter 16 – Existing Buildings and Window Replacement/Safeguard Requirements

At their meeting of October 18th, 2012, the Board of Rules and Appeals considered a request from the City of Miami Beach for interpretation of the Florida Building Code, Existing Building Section 606.4 and Section 1618.4. After considering the issue and relevant Code sections, the Board interpreted that:

Section 606.4 of the Florida Building Code, Existing Building relates only to design criteria such as design pressure and opening protection for replacement doors and windows and does not serve to require compliance with safeguard installation as contained in Section 1618.4. However, in the event safeguards were required when the building was originally constructed, safeguards must be installed.

Should you have any questions, please contact Michael Goolsby at (786) 315-2508.

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