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## MEMO

TO: All Building Officials in Miami-Dade County

FROM:  Secretary of the Board  
Board of Rules and Appeals

DATE: November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012

SUBJECT: Interpretation - Chapter 8, Miami Dade County, Section 8-21.5(1)(9)  
Interim Building Official Appointment

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At their meeting of November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012, the Board of Rules and Appeals considered an interpretation of Chapter 8, Miami Dade County, Section 8-21.5(1)(9). The relevant Code Section reads as follows:

Sec, 8-21.5 – Certification and Recertification

*(9) In the event that the Building Official **is not available to perform his/her duties**, the appointing authority shall appoint an Interim Building Official to perform the duties of Building Official. Such Interim Building Official must hold a current and valid certificate, issued by the Board of Rules and Appeals, as a Building Official, Chief, Plans Examiner or Inspector and meet the same minimum requirements for Building Officials. The appointing authority shall notify the Secretary of the Board of Rules and Appeals, in writing, of the starting date and period of time that such appointment will be in effect.*

Upon further review of the Section, the Board interpreted that:

The appointing authority shall notify the Secretary of the Board of Rules and Appeals, in writing, of the appointment of an *Interim Building Official*. Such appointment and notification shall be made in the event of the certified Building Official is absent for any reason and is unable to perform the duties as required by Florida Statute 468 and Chapter 8 of the Code of Miami Dade County.

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