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TO: All Building Officials in Miami-Dade County

**FROM:  Secretary of the Board
Board of Rules and Appeals (BORA)**

DATE: July 17th, 2015

**SUBJECT: BORA Interpretation – Exemption Clarification / FBC Energy Conservation
Sections R and C101.4.8**

At their meeting of July 16, 2015, the Board of Rules and Appeals was asked to interpret Section C101.4.8 and R101.4.8 of the *Florida Building Code, Energy Conservation* volume. The Board considered the extent and scope of the exemption contained in the following sections:

C101.4.8 and R101.4.8 Exempt buildings. Buildings exempt from the provisions of the Florida Building Code, Energy Conservation, include existing buildings except those considered renovated buildings, changes of occupancy type, or previously unconditioned buildings to which comfort conditioning is added. Exempt buildings include those specified in Sections C101.4.8.1 through C101.4.8.4.

The Board assessed the intent of the referenced sections as they relate to construction work for existing buildings, and the relevance of the exemption to both the building as a whole and components and systems.

After deliberation, the Board interpreted the replacement of windows, including any other renovation which may be taking place, in an existing building that does not exceed 30% of the assessed value of the structure must comply with the requirements of the *Florida Building Code, Existing Building* but is not required to comply with the *Florida Building Code, Energy Conservation*.

Should you have any questions, please contact Michael Goolsby, Board and Code Administration Division Director at (786) 315-2508.