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, All Building Officials in-Miami-Dade County

FROM:

Secretary of the Board

Board of Rules and Appeals (BORA)

DATE:

June 29th, 2017

SUBJECT:

BORA Interpretation

Roof Drainage and Slope Requirements

Florida Building Code - Section 708, Existing Building

At their meeting of June 22nd, 2017, the Board discussed a request for interpretation on whether positive drainage is a requirement for a reroof permit based on the referenced Section.

Section 708.1 of the Florida Building Code, Existing Building provides an exception to the issue of positive drainage by directing compliance with Sections 1515.2.2.1 and 1516.2.4 for the High Velocity Hurricane Zone (HVHZ).

The Florida Building Code, Section 1521.3 indicates repairs shall not be carried out in such a manner as to create additional ponding water. This reference demonstrates that ponding water is contemplated.

Upon discussion, the Board interpreted that "The Florida Building Code, Existing Building, Section 708.1 provides an exception to the requirement for positive drainage specific to the HVHZ and the FBC, Chapter 15 of the HVHZ contemplates ponding water in reroof situations. Therefore, the requirement relating to positive drainage contained in Section 708.1 is not applicable in the HVHZ."

Should you have any questions, please contact Gaspar Rodriguez, Code Compliance and Training Officer, Roofing at (786) 315-2232.