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**TO:** All Building Officials in Miami-Dade County

**FROM:**  Michael L. Goolsby, Division Chief 2  
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**DATE:** December 17, 2018

**SUBJECT:** BORA Interpretation - Wind Resistance of Mechanical Equipment

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At their meeting of December 13, 2018, the Board of Rules and Appeals (BORA) considered an interpretation of the exception to Section 301.15 of the Florida Building Code, Mechanical and its duplication in other volumes of the Florida Building Code. These sections relate to the wind resistance design and installation requirements of exposed mechanical equipment and appliances.

The Board's interpretation is effective on April 15, 2019 and is as follows:

*"The exception contained in Section 301.15 of the Florida Building Code, Mechanical and Section 301.10 of the Florida Building Code, Fuel Gas and Section 453.25.4.3.2, Section 1620.1 and Section 1620.6 of the Florida Building Code Building shall only be applicable for permits obtained under the 2007 Florida Building Code, as amended. Consequently, mechanical equipment and appliances, permitted subsequent to the 2007 Edition of the Florida Building Code, and exposed to wind shall be designed and installed to meet the wind pressures determined in accordance with the current or applicable edition of the Florida Building Code, Building."*

If you have any additional questions on this matter, please contact Amador Barzaga, Senior Code Officer at (786) 315-2559.

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