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TO: ALL BUILDING OFFICIALS IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

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SUBJECT: Revision of BORA Gas Vent Interpretation

The Board of Rules and Appeals at its May 17, 2018 meeting updated their May 17, 2007 Gas Vent Interpretation providing additional guidance. The Board determined to expand their previous interpretation of Section 105.2.2 of the Florida Building Code.

The Board reaffirmed that when gas burning rooftop exhaust vents are present during reroofing:

- A gas vent permit shall be issued before the roofing final inspection can be performed.
- The gas vent permit shall be obtained by a properly licensed contractor.
- A gas vent permit shall be considered a separate permit and not a subsidiary roofing permit.
- The process shall not interfere with the inspection and finalization of the roofing permit.

The Board's revised and expanded interpretation contains the following optional Code compliance path:

- As an alternative to a permit, the Building Official may accept a letter from a licensed Plumbing or Mechanical Contractor verifying the existing gas vent system is safely reconnected and attached as required by the Florida Building Code.

However, should repair, alteration or replacement of the gas appliance system be necessary during reroofing, a permit shall be obtained.

If you have any questions, please contact Gaspar Rodriguez, Senior Code Officer, at 786-315-2232.