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**MEMO**

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

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

**DATE: April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015**

**SUBJECT: BORA Interpretation – Florida Building Code, Building, Table 602  
Building Occupancy/Separation**

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At their meeting of March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015, the Board considered an interpretation request from the Building Official of the City of Coral Gables. The Board was asked to consider the provision of Florida Building Code, Building, Table 602, with respect to Occupancy Type and fire rating for exterior walls. The project configuration presented was a restaurant/bar that was intending to supplement its dining area by utilizing the unenclosed roofing area for added seating purposes.

The Board determined, based on the construction configuration presented, that the rooftop dining use would be considered an A-2 Occupancy and the rated exterior wall would be required, with the height of the exterior wall to be approved by the Fire Department.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Eduardo Fernandez, Training and Certification Officer, at (786) 315-2556 for additional information.

cc: Michael Goolsby, Director, Board and Code Administration Division