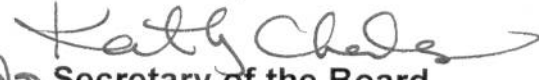


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TO: All Building Officials in Miami-Dade County

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

DATE: April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015

SUBJECT: BORA Interpretation – Florida Building Code, Existing Building Volume  
Section 1003.5 (Flood Hazard Areas)

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At their meeting of April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015, the Board of Rules and Appeals considered an interpretation of Section 1003.5 of the Florida Building Code (FBC), Existing Building Volume. This section of the Code provides guidance regarding compliance with the Florida Building Code, Building for horizontal additions which are either structurally connected or not structurally connected.

The Board of Rules and Appeals interpreted Section 1003.5 as follows:

- (A) In the event a horizontal addition is structurally interconnected and does not constitute substantial improvement, the horizontal addition shall comply with the elevation requirements contained in FEMA P-758, Substantial Improvement/Substantial Damage Desk Reference.
- (B) In the event no rehabilitation of an existing building is required and when the addition is not structurally interconnected, only the addition shall comply with the FBC, Building.

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