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**MEMO**

**TO: ALL BUILDING OFFICIALS IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY**

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

**DATE: June 20, 2024**

**SUBJECT: BORA Interpretation on Existing Roof Drainage Requirements**

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At their meeting of June 13, 2024, the Board of Rules and Appeals (BORA) considered an interpretation on Existing Roof Drainage requirements when reroofing existing buildings. The interpretation was sought to clarify the need to verify required roof drainage compliance where the following code provisions of the 8<sup>th</sup> Edition Florida Building Code (2023) were considered:

Florida Building Code, Existing Building Section 706.1

*Materials and methods of application used for recovering or replacing an existing roof covering shall comply with the requirements of Chapter 15 of the Florida Building Code, Building,*

Florida Building Code, Building Section 1514.4.2.2

*When recovering, reroofing or repairing an existing roof, the existing number or size of required scuppers and/or roof drains shall not be reduced, unless a new drainage system is designed by a registered design professional, in compliance with the provisions of this code.*

Following a brief discussion on the use of all available earlier code resources, the Board ruled that **“Building Departments must verify at a minimum that the existing roof drainage complies with the code in effect at the time of permit for the original construction.”** The Board indicated during their deliberations that prescribed tables provided in the relevant code edition that corresponds to the original permitting of the building, could be used as evidence that the building has sufficient drainage.

If you have any additional questions on this matter, please contact Gaspar Rodriguez, Senior Code Officer - Roofing at (786) 315-2232.