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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: **Jaime D. Gascon, P.E.**
Board and Code Administration Division

DATE: **October 16, 2026**

SUBJECT: **BORA Interpretation**
2026 FBC Existing Building Volume, Ninth Edition
Section 1302.0

At their meeting of October 15, 2026, the Board of Rules and Appeals was asked to interpret Section 1302.0 of the ***Florida Building Code, Existing Building*** volume. The Board considered the scope of the section contained in the following excerpt and its applicability to elevating a structure.

> ***Residential buildings or structures moved into or within a county or municipality shall not be required to be brought into compliance with the state minimum building code in force at the time the building or structure is moved…***

After a brief discussion the Board interpreted that the elevation of a structure is equivalent to moving a structure, in that it is not necessary to bring the entire structure into compliance with current building codes, with the added caveat that if the mean roof height exceeds 27 feet above grade, the relevant portions of the structure should also be evaluated for compliance with the FBC component and cladding wind loads.

The seven provisions of this Code section remain in effect.

Should you have any questions on this matter, please contact Lundy Clarke, Chief Code Officer (Building) at (786) 315-2057 (office) or (305) 299-6775 (Mobile), or email Jeanne.Clarke@miamidade.gov or Dexter Bleasdell, Senior Code Officer at (786) 315-2556 (Office), (305) 815-3123 (Mobile) or via email at Dexter@miamidade.gov.