



# BROWARD COUNTY BOARD OF RULES AND APPEALS

## FBC 8<sup>TH</sup> EDITION (2023) FORMAL INTERPRETATION (#17)

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**DATE:** October 12, 2023  
**TO:** All Building Officials  
**FROM:** Dr. Ana Barbosa, Administrative Director   
**SUBJECT:** Alteration of existing smoke evacuation or smoke control systems

At its regularly scheduled meeting on October 12, 2023, the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals approved an interpretation of the following Florida Building Code, 8<sup>th</sup> Edition (2023) sections:

- FBC Existing Building, Chapter 14 Performance Compliance Methods
- FBC Building Chapter 4, Special detailed requirements based on use and occupancy.
- FBC Building, Section 909 Smoke Control Systems

### ***Formal Interpretation:***

The alteration of an existing smoke evacuation or smoke control system, including elimination, is possible if all the following is provided and demonstrated to the Authority Having Jurisdiction for review, rejection for just cause, or acceptance:

1. A comprehensive evaluation of the building's life safety, fire safety, means of egress, general safety, etc., is performed by a registered architect and/or engineer in accordance with Chapter 14 Performance Compliance Methods of the Florida Building Code – Existing Building, 8<sup>th</sup> Edition (2023).
2. The result of the alteration or elimination is to maintain or increase the degree of public safety, health, and general welfare in existing buildings or structures. The alteration can include the upgrade of existing safety systems and or building safety fixtures; and or the installation of additional safety systems and or building safety fixtures in the building or structure.
3. Any proposed work is permitted and inspected in accordance with Florida Building Code 8th Edition (2023), Chapter 1, Administration – Broward County.
4. Smoke control systems currently required by the current FBC or FFPC shall remain.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 15, 2018  
EFFECTIVE DATE: December 31, 2023

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