

## BROWARD COUNTY AMENDMENTS

chanical and plumbing inspections. During periods of emergency or disaster as declared by the Governor, inspections performed via electronic or photographic media can be acceptable, on a case-by-case basis as determined by the Building Official.

**110.14.5 Reroofing Inspections.** During the emergency or disaster period, as declared by the Governor, the Building Official may at his or her option allow an Architect or an Engineer, or their duly authorized representative to perform required re-roofing inspections. The Architect or Engineer shall submit sealed inspection reports to the Building Official. During periods of emergency or disaster as declared by the Governor, inspections performed via electronic or photographic media can be acceptable, on a case-by-case basis as determined by the Building Official.

**110.14.6 Damage assessments.** When conducting emergency damage assessments, the Building Official shall complete the Broward County Emergency Management Division Unsafe Structures Reporting Form. The reports can be faxed, emailed, or if necessary, telephoned in to the numbers prescribed on the form within forty-eight (48) hours of a building being posted as unsafe and a secondary report shall be submitted when the building is deemed safe, also within forty-eight (48) hours. The reporting form will be approved by both the Emergency Management Division and BORA.

**110.14.7** The protocol for Sections 110.14.1 through 110.14.6 applies during a state of emergency or disaster as declared by the Governor of the State of Florida.

**110.14.8** Inspections and records of inspections required by Section 110.3 and as set forth in Sections 110.6, 110.9, and 110.14.2 through 110.14.4 can be acceptable, on a case-by-case basis as determined by the Building Official.

**110.14.9** Suspension of Certification Requirements. See Section 113.11.7.

### **110.15 Building Safety Inspection Program.**

**110.15.1** BORA has established a Building Safety Inspection Program for buildings and structures that are 25 years of age or older.

**110.15.2** BORA by written policy has established the guidelines and criteria which shall be the minimum requirements for the Building Safety Inspection Program and are contained in BORA Policy #05-05 which by reference is made part of this Code.

**110.15.3** The Building Official shall enforce the Building Safety Inspection Program.

**110.15.4** The following are **exempt** from this program:

1. U.S. Government Buildings
2. State of Florida Buildings
3. Buildings built on Indian Reservations
4. School Buildings under the jurisdiction of the Broward County School Board,
5. One- and Two-Family Dwellings
6. Fee Simple Townhouses as defined in the Florida Building Code
7. Minor Structures, defined as buildings or structures in any occupancy group having a gross floor area less than three thousand five hundred (3,500) square feet.

**110.15.5** Subsequent building safety inspections shall be required at ten (10) year intervals from the required inspection date, regardless of when the inspection report for the building or structure is finalized or filed.

**110.15.** When the Building Safety Inspection Program was first implemented, in order to clear the backlog of buildings, implementation of the program proceeded as follows:

1. 40 year or older buildings of eleven thousand (11,000) square feet or more - compliance in calendar year 2006.
2. 40 year or older buildings seven thousand (7,000) square feet or more - compliance no later than calendar year 2007.
3. 40 year or older building five thousand five hundred (5,500) square feet or more - compliance no later than calendar year 2008.
4. 40 year or older buildings four thousand six hundred fifty (4,650) square feet or more - compliance no later than calendar year 2009.
5. 40 year or older buildings three thousand eight hundred (3,800) square feet or more - compliance no later than calendar year 2010.
6. 40 year or older buildings three thousand five hundred (3,500) square feet or more - compliance no later than calendar year 2011.

## **Section 111 Certificates of Occupancy and Completion**

### **111.1 Certificate of Occupancy.**

**111.1.1 Use and Occupancy.** No building or structure shall be used or occupied, and no change in the existing occupancy classification of a building or