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TO: All Building Officials in Miami-Dade County
FROM:  Secretary of the Board
Board of Rules and Appeals (BORA)
DATE: May 24th, 2017
SUBJECT: BORA Interpretation
Horizontal Pickets in a Swimming Pool Barrier

At their meeting of May 18th, 2017, the Board considered the content of Section 454.17.1.5 of the 5th Florida Building Code (2014) (Building) and Section R4501.17.1.4 of the 5th Florida Building Code (2014) (Residential) in relation to the allowable spacing between horizontal pickets for a pool barrier application.

The Board interpreted that any spacing between horizontal pickets will create a climbable condition, defeating the intention of a pool barrier protection, in doing so the Board rendered the following interpretation:

“When horizontal pickets are used for a private or residential pool barrier, the horizontal pickets shall not have any gaps, openings, indentations or protrusions.”

Should you have any questions, please contact Michael Goolsby, Board and Code Administration Division Chief 2 at (786) 315-2508.