

**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY APPEALS BOARD
APPLICATION PACKAGE**

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NOTICE

FOR ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION, PLEASE CONTACT BOARD SECRETARY, JUAN FERNANDEZ AT 786-331-4804 or MDFRFPAppealsBoard@miamidade.gov.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY APPEALS BOARD GENERAL INFORMATION

APPEALS

Section 14-46(D) of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, sets forth the duties, functions, powers, and responsibilities of the Miami-Dade County Fire Prevention and Safety Appeals Board. The Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department provides administrative support to the Board; however, the Board is an independent entity appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. Board members are volunteers representing different professions as required by the implementing legislation.

All applications shall be filed with the Miami-Dade County Fire Prevention and Safety Appeals Board within 15 days of the "Notice of Violation". The filing deadlines are listed on the meeting calendar. Any applications filed after the required deadline will be scheduled for the next available hearing date.

All applications shall include copies of any evidence, information, reports or documentation. Application packages that exceed 10 pages or include other evidence, photographs, non-standard pages, binders, etc. require the appellant to submit an original and fifteen (15) copies.

EMERGENCY HEARINGS

Under extreme circumstances, an emergency hearing may be requested. In such instances, the Board will first determine, on the basis of the applicant's presentation, if the request represents an emergency deserving the Board's consideration prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board. For further details concerning this procedure, consult with staff prior to filing for an emergency hearing.

HEARING DATES

The schedule of hearing dates is included with this application package or may be obtained by calling the Board Secretary at (786) 331-4804. In accordance with a Board resolution which limits the number of applications that will be heard on a hearing date to ten, it is to the applicant's advantage to file early, thereby avoiding possible postponement to a future agenda.

The Board Secretary will mail and/or email a notice letter and an agenda to the applicant approximately twenty (20) days prior to the hearing.

WITHDRAWAL OF APPEAL

Applicants may withdraw their applications by doing so in writing at any time prior to the hearing or at the hearing. Requests for withdrawal prior to the hearing should be directed to the Secretary of the Fire Prevention and Safety Appeals Board.

FILING FEE

A non-refundable \$113.00 filing fee is required upon application. Checks are payable to "Miami-Dade Fire Rescue". Applications which do not include the appropriate filing fee will not be accepted for scheduling.

The Department funds and operates this board that is mandated by law. The fee is assessed to cover administrative expenses including but not limited to court reporters and legal transcripts.

The fee is determined by implementing order of the Board of County Commissioners.

LETTER OF INTENT

IT IS REQUIRED THAT THE APPLICATION BE FILED BY THE OWNER(S) OF THE PROPERTY WHICH IS THE SUBJECT OF THE APPLICATION. THE OWNER(S) OR HIS/HER ATTORNEY MUST BE PRESENT AT THE HEARING.

Other persons may speak on behalf of the applicant as experts, but may not legally represent the applicant.

CHECK LIST

The following items must be submitted for all cases.

- _____ Application for Public Hearing form completely filled out and properly executed.

- _____ Letter of Intent addressed to Juan C. Fernandez, Board Secretary, Fire Prevention and Safety Appeals Board, 9300 NW 41 Street, Doral, Florida 33178.
The Letter of Intent shall include:
 - The business name (if applicable) and address of the property which is the subject of the application
 - The name of the fire department having jurisdiction
 - The requirement of the fire department that is the subject of the application
 - The code cited by the fire department having jurisdiction
 - A brief description of the facts and circumstances
 - The Letter of Intent shall state which of the provisions of Section 14-46(D) of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, is the basis for the application

- _____ Filing fee of \$113.00. Make checks payable to Miami-Dade Fire Rescue.

- _____ The name, address, telephone number and professional credentials of any expert witness who may testify at the Board hearing shall be submitted to Secretary of the Board not less than ten (10) days before the scheduled Board hearing.

- _____ Copy of Notice of Violation which is the subject of the appeal

NOTE: IF YOUR APPLICATION PACKAGE EXCEEDS 10 PAGES, YOU MUST SUBMIT AN ORIGINAL AND FIFTEEN (15) COPIES

**APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING
FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY APPEALS BOARD**

TO BE FILLED OUT BY APPLICANT:

Name of Applicant (Property Owner) _____

Mailing Address (Property Owner) _____

Telephone _____ E-mail address _____

Name of Business and Address or street location of subject property:

Folio Number: _____

Legal Description of the Property covered by this application _____

Name of Fire Department having jurisdiction _____

Requirement of Fire Department _____

Code(s) Cited by Fire Department _____

Inspection Dates on Notice of Violation _____

Name (print) _____

Authorized Signature

Date

**Miami-Dade County
Fire Prevention and Safety Appeals Board
Year 2016 Proposed Meeting Dates**

Miami-Dade County Fire Rescue Department Headquarters
9300 NW 41 Street
Miami, Florida 33178

The Miami-Dade Fire Prevention and Safety Appeals Board generally will meet on the last Thursday of every other month. Meetings are scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. Please schedule yourself in advance to attend these meetings. Please promptly notify Board Secretary Juan C. Fernandez at (786) 331-4804 if you are unable to attend a scheduled meeting.

Meetings are held at the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Training Facility, behind the headquarters building. Conference rooms are assigned as scheduled.

If there are no appeals scheduled for that month's meeting, you will be notified of the cancellation.

The 2016 schedule is as follows:

January 28, 2016	Deadline to file:	January 7, 2016
March 31, 2016	Deadline to file:	March 10, 2016
May 26, 2016	Deadline to file:	May 5, 2016
July 28, 2016	Deadline to file:	July 7, 2016
September 29, 2016	Deadline to file:	September 8, 2016
November 17, 2016	Deadline to file:	October 29, 2016

Note: Meeting dates, times and location are subject to change