

STATEMENT OF SCOPE

Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers, and Professional Land Surveyors

Rule No.: A-E 2, 7, and 8

Relating to: Sealing and Stamping of Documents

Rule Type: Permanent

1. Finding/nature of emergency (Emergency Rule only):

N/A

2. Detailed description of the objective of the proposed rule:

The Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers, and Professional Land Surveyors (A-E Board) has determined that sections of A-E 2, 7, and 8 relating to sealing and stamping of documents need to be amended to ensure consistency with current standards of practice.

3. Description of the existing policies relevant to the rule, new policies proposed to be included in the rule, and an analysis of policy alternatives:

The A-E Board will undertake a comprehensive review to evaluate A-E 2, 7, and 8 to provide clarification on the rules relating to seals and stamps and eliminate redundant words or sentences that might bring confusion to stakeholders.

The alternative to promulgating rules would be to not update the rules. This would result in stakeholders continuing to lack clarity as to the sealing and stamping of necessary documents.

4. Detailed explanation of statutory authority for the rule (including the statutory citation and language):

Section 15.08 (5) (b), Stats., “[e]ach examining board...[s]hall promulgate rules for its own guidance and for the guidance of the trade or profession to which it pertains and define and enforce professional conduct and unethical practices not inconsistent with the law relating to the particular trade or profession.”

Section 227.11 (2) (a), Stats., “[e]ach agency may promulgate rules interpreting the provisions of any statute enforced or administered by the agency, if the agency considers it necessary to effectuate the purpose of the statute...”

Section 443.015 (1), Stats. provides that “[e]ach section of the examining board may establish continuing education requirements for renewal of a credential issued by that section under this chapter.”

5. Estimate of amount of time that state employees will spend developing the rule and of other resources necessary to develop the rule:

Approximately 80 hours.

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6. List with description of all entities that may be affected by the proposed rule:

Licensed Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers, and Professional Land Surveyors and the associated firms, partnerships, and corporations registered, permitted, certified, or granted a certificate of authorization by that section.

7. Summary and preliminary comparison with any existing or proposed federal regulation that is intended to address the activities to be regulated by the proposed rule:

None.

8. Anticipated economic impact of implementing the rule (note if the rule is likely to have a significant economic impact on small businesses):

None to minimal.

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