

**Report From Agency**

**STATE OF WISCONSIN  
EXAMINING BOARD OF ARCHITECTS, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS,  
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, DESIGNERS, AND PROFESSIONAL  
LAND SURVEYORS**

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**IN THE MATTER OF RULEMAKING :  
PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE : REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE  
EXAMINING BOARD OF : CR 19-153  
ARCHITECTS, LANDSCAPE :  
ARCHITECTS, PROFESSIONAL :  
ENGINEERS, DESIGNERS, AND :  
PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS :**

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**I. THE PROPOSED RULE:**

The proposed rule, including the analysis and text, is attached.

**II. REFERENCE TO APPLICABLE FORMS:**

N/A

**III. FISCAL ESTIMATE AND EIA:**

The Fiscal Estimate and EIA is attached.

**IV. DETAILED STATEMENT EXPLAINING THE BASIS AND PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED RULE, INCLUDING HOW THE PROPOSED RULE ADVANCES RELEVANT STATUTORY GOALS OR PURPOSES:**

The Section conducted an evaluation and update of ch. A-E 7 to ensure consistency with current professional practices and applicable Wisconsin statutes. As a result, the following updates have been made:

- Recreates A-E 7.01 to require that all property surveys performed by professional land surveyors comply with the minimum accuracies required by A-E 7.06, and to enumerate the sections of A-E 7 that professional land surveyors and clients may exclude from their contracts.
- Amends the definition of “survey report” to remove the requirement that the existing map have been recorded or filed within the last 6 years.
- Clarifies that maps shall show evidence of possession or use by others if observed by the professional land surveyor while establishing corners.
- Creates requirements for U.S. Public Land Survey Monument Record Addendums, as an alternative to U.S. Public Land Survey Monument Records, where the witness ties or monuments have been destroyed or disturbed.

- Replaces references to “registers of deeds” or “county surveyor” with “the county office deemed appropriate to receive and retain property survey records.”
- Simplifies the relative positional accuracy measurements provision.
- Amends the chapter to conform to drafting standards for consistency and clarity, revises provisions to be more clear, and updates cross-references in light of other amendments.

**V. SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS AND THE BOARD’S RESPONSES, EXPLANATION OF MODIFICATIONS TO PROPOSED RULES PROMPTED BY PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

The Rules Committee of the Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers, and Professional Land Surveyors held a public hearing on January 7, 2020.

Anthony J Gromacki, representing the Wisconsin Society of Land Surveyors, provided testimony requesting specific changes to the proposed revision of s. A-E 7.05 (4). The Board reviewed the requested changes and determined they are appropriate. The changes have been incorporated into the proposed rules as requested.

Francis Thousand, representing himself, provided testimony in favor of the proposed rules.

Bob O’Neill, representing the Madison Area Surveyors Council, registered in support of the proposed rules with the changes requested by the Wisconsin Society of Land Surveyors.

**VI. RESPONSE TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

All Legislative Council recommendations have been incorporated into the proposed rules.

**VII. REPORT FROM THE SBRRB AND FINAL REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ANALYSIS:**

N/A