

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

IN THE MATTER OF RULE-MAKING : ORDER OF THE
PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE : EXAMINING BOARD OF
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LAND SURVEYORS : ADOPTING RULES
: (CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 01-034)

ORDER

An order of the Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers and Land Surveyors to repeal and recreate A-E 2.02 (7), relating to seals and stamps.

Analysis prepared by the Department of Regulation and Licensing.

ANALYSIS

Statutes authorizing promulgation: ss. 15.08 (5) (b), 137.06 and 227.11 (2), Stats.

Statutes interpreted: s. 443.17, Stats.

The current rules of the Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers and Land Surveyors require all registration seals or stamps affixed to drawings and specifications to be filed as public documents to be original seals or stamps. This proposed rule-making order will authorize registrants to use electronic signatures, to include use of registration seals or stamps, when submitting drawings and specifications as public documents, as permitted by the government unit receiving the drawings and specifications. This proposed change will enhance the options consistent with available technology and for a more efficient means to submit original documents required as public records. This proposed rule will create s. A-E 2.02 (7) to include reference to affixing a seal or stamp to specifications as well as drawings to be filed as original documents. The rule also clarifies which authority a registrant must follow when using electronic signatures.

TEXT OF RULE

SECTION 1. A-E 2.02 (7) is repealed and recreated to read:

A-E 2.02 (7) (a) All seals or stamps affixed to drawings and specifications to be filed as public documents shall be original. No stickers or electronically scanned images shall be allowed.

(b) All seals and stamps on drawings and specifications to be filed as public documents shall be signed and dated by the registered professional in one of the following manners:

1. In a permanent ink contrasting with the seal and the background.

2. Utilizing an electronic signature meeting the requirements of s. 137.06, Stats., if permitted by the governmental unit that is to receive the drawings and specifications.

(c) If other standards for signatures or seals are prescribed by statute, the statutes shall govern.

(END OF TEXT OF RULE)

The rules adopted in this order shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin administrative register, pursuant to s. 227.22 (2) (intro.), Stats.

Dated _____ Agency _____

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

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