



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
**BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR  
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS**  
P.O. Box 9025, Olympia, WA 98507-9025

**Washington Administrative Code  
Notice of Permanent Rules for WAC 196-23  
*Seal/stamp usage***

The Administrative Procedure Act (RCW 34.05.325(6)) requires agencies to complete a concise explanatory statement before filing adopted rules with the Office of the Code Reviser. This statement must be provided to anyone who gave comment about the proposed rulemaking.

**Adoption of WAC:** 196-23-020 Seal/stamp usage

**Effective date:** These rule changes will become effective 31 days after filing (approximately May 28, 2022).

**What are the agency's reasons for adopting this rule?**

Changes to current rule language provides clarification to land surveyor licensees of what final documents needs stamped and removes the requirement of preparing a report each time an engineer reviews a document prepared by another engineer and may lessen the cost to the licensees.

There are two amendments to Chapter 196-23 WAC Stamping and seals:

Change #1 is an amendment to WAC 196-23-020(1) which currently contains a list of "final documents" which must contain the seal/stamp under that section. Added to that list is "land descriptions as defined in WAC 332-130-020."

Change #2 is an amendment to WAC 196-23-020(5) to add the language "if required" to clarify that an engineer need not always prepare a report after reviewing another engineer's work. Whether or not to prepare a report is left to the discretion of the engineer and/or their employer.

**Summary of all public comments received on this rule proposal and the agency's response to those comments:**

**Comment:**

*The proposed requirement for PLS seal, signature and date to be placed on legal description revision to WAC 196-23-020 is a good clarification of the existing rule. I always thought it was implied in the existing rule even though it was not specifically directed. I support the proposed revision.*

**Response:**

*The Board thanks you for your support of the proposed change.*

**Changes made to the proposed WAC resulting from public comment: N/A**

If you have any questions, please contact Shanana Gillespie, Rules Coordinator, at (360) 664-1570 or e-mail at [Shanana.Gillespie@brpels.wa.gov](mailto:Shanana.Gillespie@brpels.wa.gov).