



STATE OF WASHINGTON
**BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS**
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**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.