- RCW 7.96.070 Timelines and sufficiency of correction or clarification. (1) A correction or clarification is timely if it is published before, or within thirty days after, receipt of a request for correction or clarification or of the information in RCW 7.96.050(1), whichever is later, unless the period is extended by written agreement of the parties.
 - (2) A correction or clarification is sufficient if it:
- (a) Is published with a prominence and in a manner and medium reasonably likely to reach substantially the same audience as the publication complained of;
 - (b) Refers to the statement being corrected or clarified and:
 - (i) Corrects the statement;
- (ii) In the case of defamatory or false meaning arising from other than the express language of the publication, disclaims an intent to communicate that meaning or to assert its truth; or
- (iii) In the case of a statement attributed to another person, identifies the person and disclaims an intent to assert the truth of the statement;
- (c) In advance of the publication, is provided to the person who has made a request for correction or clarification; and
- (d) Accompanies and is an equally prominent part of any electronic publication of the allegedly defamatory or otherwise actionable statement by the publisher.
- (3) A correction or clarification is published in a medium reasonably likely to reach substantially the same audience as the publication complained of if it is published in a later issue, edition, or broadcast of the original publication.
- (4) If a later issue, edition, or broadcast of the original publication will not be published within the time limits established for a timely correction or clarification, a correction or clarification is published in a manner and medium reasonably likely to reach substantially the same audience as the publication complained of if:
 - (a) It is timely published in a reasonably prominent manner:
- (i) In another medium likely to reach an audience reasonably equivalent to the original publication; or
- (ii) If the parties cannot agree on another medium, in the newspaper with the largest general circulation in the region in which the original publication was distributed;
- (b) Reasonable steps are taken to correct undistributed copies of the original publication, if any; and
- (c) It is published in the next practicable issue, edition, or broadcast, if any, of the original publication.
- (5) A correction or clarification is timely and sufficient if the parties agree in writing that it is timely and sufficient. [2013 c 294 § 7.]