



# RULE-MAKING ORDER

(RCW 34.05.360)

CR-103 (7/10/97)

Agency: Department of Licensing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Permanent Rule
(1) Date of adoption: June 22, 1999	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule
	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Adoption
	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Repeal

(2) Purpose: Amend the rule to more clearly define the terms "branch office", "project office", "resident professional engineer" and "resident professional land surveyor"; and, clearly state that each branch office must have a resident professional engineer and/or a resident professional land surveyor employed there. Repeal the amended rule, WAC 196-24-090, from chapter 196-24 WAC and move it to chapter 196-25 WAC. The rules' new section number is WAC 196-25-050.

(3) Citation of existing rules affected by this order: WAC 196-24-090

Repealed: 1  
 Amended: *je WRH*  
 Suspended:

(4) Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 18.43.035  
 Other Authority:

**PERMANENT RULE ONLY (Including EXPEDITED ADOPTION)**  
 Adopted under notice filed as WSR 99-10-082 on May 4, 1999 (date).  
 Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version: None

**EMERGENCY RULE ONLY**  
 Under RCW 34.05.350 the agency for good cause finds:

(a) That immediate adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule is necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, or general welfare, and that observing the time requirements of notice and opportunity to comment upon adoption of a permanent rule would be contrary to the public interest.

(b) That state or federal law or federal rule or a federal deadline for state receipt of federal funds requires immediate adoption of a rule.

Reasons for this finding:

**EXPEDITED REPEAL ONLY**  
 Under Preproposal Statement of Inquiry filed as WSR \_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_ (date)

(5.3) Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?:  
 Yes  No If Yes, explain:

(6) Effective date of rule:

Permanent Rules or Expedited Repeal	Emergency Rules
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 31 days after filing	<input type="checkbox"/> Immediately
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____*	<input type="checkbox"/> Later (specify) .....

\*(If less than 31 days after filing, specific finding in 5.3 under RCW 34.05.380(3) is required)

**CODE REVISER USE ONLY**

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Name (Type or Print)  
George A. Twiss

Signature  
*George A. Twiss*

Title Executive Director	Date July 15, 1999
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**Note: If any category is left blank, it will be calculated as zero.  
No descriptive text.**

Count by whole WAC sections only, from the WAC number through the history note.  
A section may be counted in more than one category.

**The number of sections adopted in order to comply with:**

<b>Federal statute:</b>	New	.....	Amended	.....	Repealed	.....
<b>Federal rules or standards:</b>	New	.....	Amended	.....	Repealed	.....
<b>Recently enacted state statutes:</b>	New	.....	Amended	.....	Repealed	.....

**The number of sections adopted at the request of nongovernmental entity:**

New	.....	Amended	.....	Repealed	.....
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**The number of sections adopted in the agency's own initiative:**

New		Amended	<u>1</u> <i>went</i>	Repealed	<u>1</u>
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**The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:**

New		Amended	<u>1</u> <i>went</i>	Repealed	<u>1</u>
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**The number of sections adopted using:**

<b>Negotiated rule making:</b>	New	.....	Amended	.....	Repealed	.....
<b>Pilot rule making:</b>	New	.....	Amended	.....	Repealed	.....
<b>Other alternative rule making:</b>	New	.....	Amended	.....	Repealed	.....

NEW SECTION

**WAC 196-25-050 Branch offices and places of business.** (1) An engineering firm or land surveying firm maintaining branch offices shall have a resident professional engineer or resident professional land surveyor, as applicable, for each branch office as well as the parent location. A branch office of an engineering or land surveying firm shall be defined as an office established to solicit and/or provide engineering and/or land surveying services. A resident professional engineer or professional land surveyor shall be defined as a person who:

- (a) Holds a valid license in this state;
- (b) Maintains said branch office or parent location as his/her normal place of employment; and
- (c) Is in responsible charge of said engineering and/or land surveying services.

(2) A project office shall be defined as an extension of a firm that is used:

- (a) For supervision for construction of a project designed elsewhere.
- (b) As a convenient workplace for a specific land surveying or engineering project. A project office is not allowed to offer services and shall not be required to have a resident professional engineer or resident land surveyor.

REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code  
is repealed:

WAC 196-24-090

Branch offices.