

**WAC 495C-108-070 Procedure for closing parts of the hearings.**

Adjudicative proceedings shall be open to the public, except as may be provided otherwise by law or legal requirement. Any party may apply for a protective order to close part of a hearing. The party making the request shall state the reasons for making the application to the presiding officer. If the other party opposes the request, a written response to the request shall be made within ten working days of the request to the presiding officer. The presiding officer shall determine which, if any, parts of the proceeding shall be closed, and state the reasons in writing within twenty working days of receiving the request.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.50.140. WSR 17-20-047, § 495C-108-070, filed 9/29/17, effective 10/30/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.50.140, 42.30.075 and 1991 c 238. WSR 92-19-091, § 495C-108-070, filed 9/16/92, effective 10/17/92.]