

WSR 26-01-210

PROPOSED RULES

EASTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

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Original Notice.

Preproposal statement of inquiry was filed as WSR 25-21-037.

Title of Rule and Other Identifying Information: WAC 172-141-050  
Restrictions on use of university property.

Hearing Location(s): On January 27, 2026, at 12:00 p.m., at 201 Showalter Hall, Eastern Washington University (University), Cheney, WA 99004.

Date of Intended Adoption: February 20, 2026.

Submit Written Comments to: Annika Scharosch, 214 Showalter Hall, Cheney, WA 99004, email [ascharosch@ewu.edu](mailto:ascharosch@ewu.edu), website <https://inside.ewu.edu/policies>, beginning December 24, 2025, at 8:00 a.m., by 5:00 p.m. on January 27, 2026.

Assistance for Persons with Disabilities: Contact Annika Scharosch, phone 509-359-6724, email [ascharosch@ewu.edu](mailto:ascharosch@ewu.edu), by January 23, 2026.

Purpose of the Proposal and Its Anticipated Effects, Including Any Changes in Existing Rules: Adds language indicating the university may terminate, cancel, relocate, or prohibit the use of facilities or campus property if reasonably necessary to prevent substantial harm or threat of substantial harm to the safety of persons, substantial damage to property, or substantial disruption of university functions or operations.

Reasons Supporting Proposal: These changes are being made to clarify the university's ability to relocate an event for security reasons.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 28B.35.120(12).

Rule is not necessitated by federal law, federal or state court decision.

Name of Proponent: Eastern Washington University, governmental.

Name of Agency Personnel Responsible for Drafting and Implementation: Annika Scharosch, 214 Showalter Hall, Cheney, WA 99004, 509-359-6724; Enforcement: Dr. Shari McMahan, 214 Showalter Hall, Cheney, WA 99004, 509-359-6200.

A school district fiscal impact statement is not required under RCW 28A.305.135.

A cost-benefit analysis is not required under RCW 34.05.328. Not subject to RCW 34.05.328(5).

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt from requirements of the Regulatory Fairness Act because the proposal:

Is exempt under RCW 19.85.025(3) as the rules relate only to internal governmental operations that are not subject to violation by a nongovernment party; and rule content is explicitly and specifically dictated by statute.

Is exempt under RCW 19.85.025(4).

Explanation of exemptions: These changes impact the use of university property. They do not affect small businesses.

Scope of exemption for rule proposal:

Is fully exempt.

December 24, 2025  
Annika Scharosch  
Chief of Staff and Compliance

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 18-11-066, filed 5/15/18, effective 6/15/18)

**WAC 172-141-050 Restrictions on use of university property.** Use of university property for first amendment activities by university employees, students, university-affiliated groups, nonaffiliated groups, and outside community members is subject to the following restrictions:

(1) Obstruction. No activity may obstruct or disrupt university operations or functions. No activity may obstruct freedom of movement, including, but not limited to, obstructing entrances, exits, staircases, doorways, hallways, or the safe and efficient flow of people and vehicles.

(2) Sound amplification. Any sound amplification device may only be used at a volume that does not disrupt or disturb the normal use of university classrooms, offices, laboratories, meeting space, or any previously scheduled university activity.

(3) Overnight use. No person may camp on university property, except for attendees of special events designated by the university, such as during home football games, commencement or special student activities. "Camp" means to remain overnight, to erect a tent or other shelter, or to use sleeping equipment, a vehicle, or a trailer camper, for the purpose of or in such ways as will permit remaining overnight. This does not include use of university housing or employees who are required to work at night.

(4) Clean-up and repairs. All sites used for first amendment activities must be left in their original condition and may be subject to inspection by a university representative after the activity. Reasonable charges may be assessed against an individual or group for the costs of cleaning up the condition of the property beyond reasonable wear and tear or for the repair of damaged property.

(5) Harassment. EWU is committed to providing an educational and work environment in accordance with federal law. As such, EWU prohibits people who are using campus property from engaging in harassment. Harassment is defined as conduct by any means that is sufficiently severe, pervasive, or persistent, and objectively offensive so as to threaten an individual or limit the individual's ability to work, study, participate in, or benefit from the university's programs or activities.

(6) Safety. People using university property must comply with all applicable university policies, procedures, rules and regulations; local, state, and federal laws; and fire, health and safety regulations. Any first amendment activities must not create safety hazards or pose safety risks to others.

(7) Noninterference. First amendment activities must not substantially and materially interfere with university activities or otherwise prevent the university from fulfilling and achieving its primary purpose of educating students. Activities must not substantially and materially infringe on the rights and privileges of university employees, students, or university-affiliated groups.

(8) Time limitations. To ensure space is available for everyone, use of the campus for first amendment activities may be limited to not more than eight hours per day and for not more than five days during any two-week period when there is a competing request to use the same

space or if continuing use of the space conflicts with an existing reservation for the space.

(9) Reservations. University employees, students, and university-affiliated groups may reserve outdoor space on campus for university-sponsored activities. Reservation of university facilities is governed by chapter 172-137 WAC. If space is reserved for a university-sponsored activity, other persons and groups may be prohibited from engaging in first amendment activities in the reserved space. In such cases, a university representative will suggest another area on campus for the first amendment activities.

(10) Termination or restriction of license. These regulations grant people and groups a limited license to use university property. The university president or designee may, at any time, terminate, cancel, relocate, or prohibit the use of facilities or campus property if an activity is violating these regulations or substantially and materially disrupting or interfering with university operations and functions. Additionally, the university president or designee may, at any time, terminate, cancel, relocate, or prohibit the use of facilities or campus property if reasonably necessary to prevent, stop, or otherwise mitigate: (a) substantial harm or a threat of substantial harm to the safety of persons; (b) substantial damage to property; or (c) substantial disruption of university functions or operations. Such determinations will be made without consideration to the content of the message communicated by the activity. If a person or group is violating these regulations or any other regulations governing conduct on university property, the person will be advised of the specific nature of the violation, and if they persist in the violation, they may be asked to leave campus in accordance with WAC 172-122-200 and their license to remain on campus is terminated.