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PURPOSE: This rule defines immediate personal supervision for architects, professional engineers, and professional landscape architects.

(1) Immediate personal supervision is a combination of activities by which a licensee retains control over those decisions that are the basis for the findings, conclusions, analysis, rationale, details, and judgments that are embodied in the development and preparation of the technical submissions. Immediate personal supervision requires providing personal direction, oversight, inspection, observation, and supervision of work being performed.

(2) Communications between the licensee and those persons who are performing the work include, but are not limited to, use of any of the following ways: direct face-to-face communications; written communications; U.S. mail; private express package delivery; electronic mail; facsimiles; telecommunications; or other current technology; provided that the licensee retains, maintains, and asserts continuing control and judgment.

(3) The licensee who signs and seals technical submissions in accordance with the provisions of section 327.411, RSMo, must be familiar with decisions made during preparation of the technical submissions in sufficient detail as to be able to personally answer any questions regarding substantive decisions as to the design.

(4) Specifications, drawings, reports, design surveys, or other technical submissions will be deemed to have been prepared under the immediate personal supervision of a licensee when the following circumstances exist:

(A) The client requesting preparation of specifications, drawings, reports, design surveys, or other technical submissions makes the request directly to the licensee or an employee of the licensee so long as the employee is employed directly under the licensee’s organizational structure;

(B) The licensee provides initial direction in development of the design and supervises each step of the preparation of the specifications, drawings, reports, design surveys, or other technical submissions and has input into their preparation prior to their completion;

(C) The licensee is not employed by the client solely for the purpose of reviewing and approving specifications, drawings, reports, design surveys, or other technical submissions prepared by an unlicensed person, employee, or contractor of the client;

(D) The licensee reviews the final specifications, drawings, reports, design surveys, or other technical submissions and is able to, and does make, necessary and appropriate changes to them; and

(E) In circumstances where a licensee in responsible charge of the work is unavailable to complete the work, or the work is a site adaptation of a standard design drawing, or the work is a design drawing signed and sealed by an out-of-jurisdiction licensee, a successor licensee may take responsible charge by performing all professional services to include developing a complete design file with work or design criteria, calculations, code research, and any necessary and appropriate changes to the work. The non-professional services, such as drafting, need not be redone by the successor licensee but must clearly and accurately reflect the successor licensee’s work. The burden is on the successor licensee to show such compliance. The successor licensee shall have control of and responsibility for the work product and the signed and sealed originals of all technical submissions.

(5) The specifications, drawings, reports, design surveys, or other technical submissions shall be signed and sealed per the provisions of section 327.411, RSMo.

AUTHORITY: section 327.041, RSMo 2016.*


(B) The professional land surveyor provides initial direction and supervises each step of the preparation of the plats, maps, preliminary subdivision plans, drawings, reports, descriptions, surveys, or other technical submissions and has input into their preparation prior to their completion;

(C) The professional land surveyor is not employed by the client, solely for the purpose of reviewing and approving plats, maps, preliminary subdivision plans, drawings, reports, descriptions, surveys, or other technical submissions prepared by an unlicensed person, employee, or contractor of the client; and

(D) The professional land surveyor reviews the final plats, maps, preliminary subdivision plans, drawings, reports, descriptions, surveys, or other technical submissions and is able to, and does make, necessary and appropriate changes to them.

(5) During a land survey the professional land surveyor shall:

(A) Supervise and review prior to making the survey the acquisition of all necessary records and data including, but not limited to, deeds, maps, certificates of title, abstracts of title, section line, and other boundary line locations in the vicinity;

(B) Supervise and review prior to making the survey the analysis of all the record data in order to determine the most nearly correct legal boundaries of the tract to be surveyed;

(C) Supervise and review the investigation of the selection of the ground control (such as section corners, block corners, survey corners, or other corners or monuments found) as a result of the filed survey to be used to position the survey on the ground; and

(D) Supervise and review the execution of the survey, the survey computations, and the preparation of the drawing.

(6) The plats, maps, preliminary subdivision plans, drawings, reports, descriptions, surveys, or other technical submissions shall be signed and sealed according to section 327.411, RSMo.

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