Rules of
Department of Commerce and Insurance
Division 2030—Missouri Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Professional Land Surveyors, and Professional Landscape Architects
Chapter 3—Seals

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PURPOSE: This rule describes the official seal of the board.

(1) The official seal of the Missouri Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Professional Land Surveyors, and Professional Landscape Architects shall consist of the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, minus the words The Great Seal of the State of Missouri and in substitution for which words shall be the words Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Professional Land Surveyors, and Professional Landscape Architects, divided by the word Missouri, all the words engraved and surrounded by a cord-like circle within a fringed circle and of the dimensions of two and one-quarter inches (2 1/4") in diameter.


20 CSR 2030-3.060 Licensee’s Seal

PURPOSE: This rule describes the format for personal seal of an architect, a professional engineer, a professional land surveyor, and a professional landscape architect.

(1) Each person licensed as an architect, professional engineer, professional land surveyor, or professional landscape architect (not including interns or individuals “in-training”) shall, at his/her own expense, secure a seal one and three-quarters inches (1 3/4") in diameter of the following design: the seal shall consist of two concentric circles between which appear in roman capital letters, the words, “State of Missouri” on the upper part of the seal and either “Architect,” “Professional Engineer,” “Professional Land Surveyor” or “Professional Landscape Architect,” as the case may be, on the lower part, and within the inner circle the name of the licensee, together with his/her license number preceded by the roman capital letter(s) A for Architect, PE for Professional Engineer, PLS for Professional Land Surveyor or PLA for Professional Landscape Architect.

(A) The seal of an architect licensed prior to January 1, 2002 may display “Registered Architect” on the lower part and within the inner circle the name of the licensee, together with his/her license number preceded by the roman capital letter A.

(B) The seal of a professional engineer licensed prior to January 1, 2002 may display “Registered Professional Engineer” on the lower part and within the inner circle the name of the licensee, together with his/her license number preceded by the roman capital letter E.

(C) The seal of a professional land surveyor licensed prior to January 1, 2002 may display “Registered Professional Surveyor” on the lower part and within the inner circle the name of the licensee, together with his/her license number preceded by the roman capital letters LS.

(D) The seal of a professional landscape architect licensed prior to January 1, 2002 may display “Landscape Architect” on the lower part and within the inner circle the name of the licensee, together with his/her license number preceded by the roman capital letters LA.

(2) The seal may be in the form of an embossing seal, a rubber stamp, or a computer-generated image, identical in size, design and content with the provisions of section (1) above.

(3) In addition to the personal seal, the licensee shall also affix his/her signature and place the date when the document was originally sealed, at the minimum, to the original of each sheet in a set of all final technical submissions that include, but are not limited to, drawings, specifications, exhibits, plats, reports, surveys, and certifications of construction prepared by the licensee or under his/her immediate personal supervision. The term “signature,” as used herein means the following:

(A) For a hand drawing (e.g., paper, vellum, mylar), printed document or computer generated hard copy media, a handwritten “wet signature” identification containing the name of the person who applied it.

(B) For electronic or digital documents transmitted to others in a “pdf” or similar format that has modified the native file so that it is not easily altered, a scanned signature is acceptable if it is an accurate depiction of the licensee’s actual signature.

(4) When revisions are made the licensee who made the revisions, or under whose immediate personal supervision the revisions were made, shall sign, seal, and date each sheet and provide an explanation of the revisions. Revisions to technical submissions which are not made or approved by the licensee are prohibited.

(5) In lieu of signing, sealing, and dating each page, the licensee(s) may sign, seal, and date the title page, an index page, or a seals page on bound multiple page documents not considered to be drawings, providing that the signed page clearly identifies all of the other pages comprising the bound volume. Provided further that any of the other pages which were prepared by, or under the immediate personal supervision of another licensee be signed, sealed, and dated as provided for, by the other licensee. Any additions, deletions, or other revisions are prohibited unless signed, sealed, and dated by the licensee who made the revisions or under whose immediate personal supervision the revisions were made.

(6) An original document which is sealed, signed, and dated (by hand or electronically) by the licensee may be reproduced by photocopy, traditional blue printing, faxing, scanning in “pdf,” publishing or printing to “pdf,” or similar format.

(7) Technical submissions shall be signed, sealed, and dated unless clearly designated preliminary or incomplete, not to be used for construction, or is a record drawing of as-built construction information provided by others. If the document is preliminary or incomplete, not to be used for construction, or is a record drawing of as-built construction information provided by others, the phrase, “The information on this document is preliminary or incomplete, not for construction, recording purposes, or implementation” or similar disclaimer and notice to others shall be placed in an obvious location so that it is readily found, easily read, and not obscured by other markings.

(8) In the instance of one (1) licensee performing design for other licensees to incorporate into his/her documents, each licensee in such manner that the digital signature is invalidated if any data on the document is altered.

(C) For electronic or digital documents transmitted to others in a “pdf” or similar format that has modified the native file so that it is not easily altered, a scanned signature is acceptable if it is an accurate depiction of the licensee’s actual signature.
shall seal, date, and sign those documents, using the appropriate disclaimer for clarification of each licensee’s responsibility.

(9) The signing and sealing of technical submissions not prepared by the licensee or under his/her immediate personal supervision is prohibited.

(10) This rule supersedes any conflicting rules.
