

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 17-11-037, filed 5/11/17, effective 6/11/17)

WAC 136-12-010 Purpose and authority. The laws of the state of Washington make detailed provisions in chapter 36.80 RCW, for the employment of a county engineer in each county. This chapter specifies that the county legislative authority of each county shall employ a county road engineer on either a full-time or part-time basis, or by contracting with another county for the engineering services of a county road engineer; that ~~((he/she))~~ they shall be a registered and licensed professional civil engineer under the laws of this state; that ~~((he/she))~~ they shall have supervision, under the direction of the county legislative authority, of all activities related to the county roads of the county, including maintenance; that ~~((he/she))~~ they shall certify to the county legislative authority all bills with respect to county roads; that ~~((he/she))~~ they shall keep complete public records of all road department activities; that ~~((he/she))~~ they shall prepare plans and specifications for all construction work on the county road system; give an official bond to the county conditioned upon faithfully performing all the duties and accounting for county property entrusted to ~~((him or her))~~ them.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 19-04-048, filed 1/29/19, effective 3/1/19)

WAC 136-12-030 Acting county engineer. If for any reason it is impossible to employ a new county engineer immediately, the county legislative authority shall designate, by resolution, an acting county engineer for an interim period not to exceed six months except as provided in WAC 136-12-060. A copy of such resolution shall be forwarded to the county road administration board within five business days of the effective date of the vacancy.

If the acting county engineer is not a licensed professional civil engineer, the legislative authority shall designate a licensed professional civil engineer to perform all professional civil engineering functions during the interim period as required by chapter 18.43 RCW, and the unlicensed acting county engineer shall perform only those functions of the office not requiring a professional civil engineer's license.

Per RCW 18.43.120, it is unlawful for a person to practice engineering without a license, unless directly overseen by a licensed individual. For the purposes of this chapter, the practice of engineering involves anything requiring engineering opinion, judgment, consultation, analysis, calculation, or design, but would exclude certain routine maintenance and operations decision making and calculations by qualified personnel.

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WAC 136-12-080 Supervision of nonengineering county engineer duties in counties with a part-time county engineer or a contract county engineer. When a legislative authority of a county chooses to employ a county engineer on a part-time basis or contract with another county for the services of its county engineer, it shall designate by resolution a full-time employee to perform the day-to-day supervision of the county engineer duties not requiring a professional civil engineering license in accordance with policies established by the legislative authority.

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