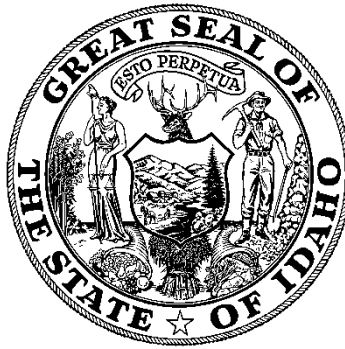


# STATE OF IDAHO

## BOARD OF LICENSURE OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS



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**Selected Laws and Rules Pertaining to  
The Practice of the Professions of  
Engineering and Land Surveying  
As of July 21, 2021**



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24.32.01 - RULES OF THE IDAHO BOARD OF LICENSURE OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS  
AND PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS

**01. LEGAL AUTHORITY.**

These rules are promulgated pursuant to Sections 54-1208(1), 55-1702(1), and 55-1606, Idaho Code. (7-1-21)T

**02. SCOPE.**

These rules include procedures of the Board, rules of professional responsibility, rules of continuing professional development, rules for coordinate system of land description, and rules for properly completing corner perpetuation and filing forms. (7-1-21)T

**03. -- 009. (RESERVED)**

**10. DEFINITIONS.**

The following terms are used as defined below: (7-1-21)T

**01. Certificate Holder.** Any person holding a current certificate as an Engineer Intern or a Land Surveyor Intern or a business entity (which is also herein referred to as a "person") holding a current certificate of authorization, which has been duly issued by the Board. (7-1-21)T

**02. Deceit.** To intentionally misrepresent a material matter, or intentionally omit to disclose a known material matter. (7-1-21)T

**03. Incompetence.** Failure to meet the standard of care. (7-1-21)T

**04. Licensee.** Any person holding a current license as a Professional Engineer, a Professional Land Surveyor, or a combination thereof, which has been duly issued by the Board. (7-1-21)T

**05. Misconduct.** A violation or attempt to violate these rules or statutes applicable to the practice of engineering or surveying, or to knowingly assist or induce another to do so, or do so through the acts of another; a finding of guilt of commitment of a felony or a plea of guilty to a felony; commit fraud or deceit; failure to respond within twenty (20) days of an inquiry from the Board or its representative, unless such time is extended by the Board for justifiable cause; state or imply an ability to influence improperly a government agency or official. (7-1-21)T

SUBCHAPTER A - RULES OF PROCEDURE  
(Rules 011 through 099)

**11. FEES.**

**01. Applications and Renewals.** All fees are set by the Board in the following categories and may in no event be more than the amount specified in Sections 54-1213, 54-1214, 54-1216, 54-1219 and 54-1223, Idaho Code. Fees are not refundable.

(7-1-21)T

a. **Licensure as a professional engineer or professional land surveyor by examination.** (7-1-21)T

b. **Reinstatement of a retired or expired license.** (7-1-21)T

c. **Certification for a business entity applying for a certificate of authorization to practice or offer to practice engineering or land surveying.** (7-1-21)T

d. **Renewals for professional engineers, professional land surveyors, engineer interns, land surveyor interns, and business entities.** (7-1-21)T

e. **Licensure for professional engineers or professional land surveyors by comity.** (7-1-21)T

**12. SEALS.**

**01. Official Seal of Board.** The official seal of this Board consists of the seal of the state of Idaho, surrounded with the words "Board of Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors" and "State of Idaho." (7-1-21)T

**02. Standard Seals for Engineers and Land Surveyors.** The Board adopts standard seals for use by licensed professional engineers and professional land surveyors as prescribed by Section 54-1215, Idaho Code. Seals prepared and approved prior to July 1, 2008 are valid for continued use. (7-1-21)T

**03. Seal for Professional Engineer/Land Surveyor.** Engineers obtaining licensure as land surveyors under the changes to Section 54-1217, Idaho Code, by the 1978 Legislature use the seal showing licensure as a Professional Engineer and Land Surveyor as adopted by the Board. Seals prepared and approved prior to July 1, 2008 are valid for continued use. (7-1-21)T

**013 - 015. (RESERVED)**

**16. APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE OR CERTIFICATION.**

**01. Completion of Application.** Applications must be made in English. An application that is not fully completed by the applicant need not be considered or acted upon by the Board. The application by a business entity for a certificate of authorization to practice or offer to practice engineering or land surveying must set forth its address, and name and address of the individual, or individuals, duly licensed to practice engineering or land surveying in this state, who will be in responsible charge of engineering or land surveying services offered or rendered by the business entity in this state. (7-1-21)T

**02. Submittal of Applications and Examination Cutoff Date.** Submittal of applications for licensure or intern certification must occur after passing the required national examinations. Examinations may be given in various formats and different registration dates apply depending on the examination format. (7-1-21)T

a. For national examinations administered in a computer-based or paper format once or twice per year the registration requirements, including the deadline and testing windows, are established by the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES). (7-1-21)T

b. For national examinations administered continuously in a computer-based format, there is no deadline for registering with NCEES. The registration requirements, including the testing windows, are established by NCEES. (7-1-21)T

c. In order for the Board to be able to verify experience, only experience up to the date of submittal of the application for licensure will be considered as valid. (7-1-21)T

d. Applications for certification as engineering or surveying interns are submitted after passing the Fundamentals of Engineering or the Fundamentals of Surveying examination and providing evidence of graduation with educational credentials required by Subsection 017.03 of this chapter. (7-1-21)T

**03. Residency Requirement.** Except for military personnel stationed in the state of Idaho on military orders, and except for persons employed full-time in the state of Idaho, only residents of the state of Idaho and students enrolled at an Idaho university or college may qualify for initial licensure. (7-1-21)T

**04. Minimum Boundary Survey Experience.** The Board requires a minimum of two (2) years boundary survey experience as a condition of professional land surveyor licensure. (7-1-21)T

## 17. EXAMINATIONS AND EDUCATION.

**01. Use of NCEES Examinations.** National examinations prepared and graded by the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) may be used by the Board. Applicants registering for a national professional examination must have first passed the fundamentals examination unless exempted per Subsection 017.10 of this chapter. (7-1-21)T

**02. Eligibility for Licensure, Educational Requirements.** The application for licensure as a professional engineer or professional land surveyor together with a passing score on the written ethics questionnaire or Idaho specific land surveying examination, is considered in the determination of the applicant's eligibility. Each applicant must meet the minimum requirements as set forth in Section 54-1212, Idaho Code, before being licensed. Prescriptive education requirements are as follows: (7-1-21)T

a. In regard to educational requirements, the Board will consider as unconditionally approved only those engineering programs that are accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission (EAC) of ABET, Inc., or the bachelor of science programs accredited by the Canadian Engineering Accrediting Board, or those bachelor of science engineering programs that are accredited by official organizations recognized by the U.K. Engineering Council. Non-EAC/ABET accredited engineering programs, related science programs, and engineering technology programs will be considered by the Board on their specific merits, but are not considered equal to engineering programs accredited by EAC/ABET. The Board may continue consideration of an application for valid reasons for a period of one (1) year, without forfeiture of the application fee. (7-1-21)T

b. An applicant who has completed a four (4) year bachelor degree program in engineering not accredited by EAC/ABET or a four (4) year bachelor degree program in engineering technology, or in a related science degree program other than engineering must have completed the following before the Board will consider them to possess knowledge and skill approximating that attained through graduation from an approved four (4) year engineering curriculum as required by Section 54-1212(3)(b), Idaho Code, for certification as an Engineer Intern or as required by Section 54-1212(1)(b), Idaho Code, for licensure as a professional engineer: (7-1-21)T

i. Thirty-two (32) college semester credit hours of higher mathematics and basic sciences. The credits in mathematics must be beyond algebra and trigonometry and emphasize mathematical concepts and principles rather than computation. Courses in differential and integral calculus are required. Additional courses may include differential equations, linear algebra, numerical analysis, probability and statistics and advanced calculus. The credits in basic sciences must include at least two (2) courses. These courses must be in general chemistry, general calculus-based physics, or general biological sciences; the two (2) courses may not be in the same area. Additional basic sciences courses may include earth sciences (geology, ecology), advanced biology, advanced chemistry, and advanced physics. Computer skills and/or programming courses may not be used to satisfy mathematics or basic science requirements. Basic engineering science courses or sequence of courses in this area are acceptable for credit but may not be counted twice. (7-1-21)T

ii. Twelve (12) college credit hours in a general education component that complements the technical content of the curriculum. Examples of traditional courses in this area are philosophy, religion, history, literature, fine arts, sociology, psychology, political science, anthropology, economics (micro and macro), professional ethics, social responsibility. Examples of other general education courses deemed acceptable include management (such as organizational behavior), accounting, written and oral communications, business, and law. No more than six (6) credit hours may come from courses in management, accounting, business, or law. Courses in engineering economics, engineering management, systems engineering/ analysis, production, and industrial engineering/management will not be counted. Language courses in the applicant's native language are not acceptable for credit; no more than six (6) credit hours of foreign language courses are acceptable for credit. Native language courses in literature and civilization may be considered in this area. Courses which instill cultural values are acceptable, while routine exercises of personal craft are not. (7-1-21)T

iii. Forty-eight (48) college credit hours of engineering science and/or engineering design courses. Courses in engineering science must be taught within the college / faculty of engineering having their roots in mathematics and basic sciences but carry knowledge further toward creative application of engineering principles. Examples of approved engineering science courses are mechanics, thermodynamics, heat transfer, electrical and electronic circuits, materials science, transport phenomena, and computer science (other than computer programming skills). Courses in engineering design stress the establishment of objectives and criteria, synthesis, analysis, construction, testing, and evaluation. Graduate level engineering courses may be included to fulfill curricular requirements in this area. Engineering technology courses cannot be considered to meet engineering (7-1-21)T

iv. The Board may require detailed course descriptions for seminar, directed study, special problem and similar courses to ensure that the above requirements are met. (7-1-21)T

c. In regard to educational requirements, the Board will consider as unconditionally approved only those surveying programs that are accredited either by the Engineering Accreditation Commission (EAC), the Applied and Natural Science Accreditation Commission (ANSAC) or the Engineering Technology Accreditation Commission (ETAC) of ABET, Inc. An applicant who has completed a four (4) year bachelor degree program in a related program must have completed a minimum of the following college level academic courses, or their equivalents as determined by the Board, before the Board will consider them to possess knowledge and skill approximating that attained through graduation from an approved four (4) year surveying curriculum as required by Section 54-1212(4)(b), Idaho Code, for certification as a Land Surveyor Intern or as required by Section 54-1212(2)(b), Idaho Code, for licensure as a professional land surveyor: (7-1-21)T

i. Eighteen (18) college semester credit hours of mathematics and basic sciences. A minimum of twelve (12) credits in mathematics must be beyond basic mathematics, but the credits include college algebra or higher mathematics. These courses must emphasize mathematical concepts and principles rather than computation. Mathematics courses may include college algebra, trigonometry, analytic geometry, differential and integral calculus, linear algebra, numerical analysis, probability and statistics, and advanced calculus. A minimum of six (6) credits must be in basic sciences. These courses must cover one or more of the following topics: general chemistry, advanced chemistry, life sciences (biology), earth sciences (geology, ecology), general physics, and advanced physics. Computer skills and/or programming courses may not be used to satisfy mathematics or basic science requirements; (7-1-21)T

ii. Twelve (12) college semester credit hours in a general education component that complements the technical content of the curriculum. Examples of traditional courses in this area are religion, history, literature, fine arts, sociology, psychology, political science, anthropology, economics, professional ethics, and social responsibility. No more than six (6) credit hours of languages other than English or other than the applicant's native language are acceptable for credit. English and foreign language courses in literature and civilization may be considered in this area. Courses that instill cultural values are acceptable, while routine exercises of personal craft are not; (7-1-21)T

iii. Thirty (30) college semester credit hours of surveying science and surveying practice. Courses must be taught by qualified surveying faculty. Examples of surveying courses are basic surveying, route surveying, geodesy, geographic information systems, land development design and planning, global positioning systems, photogrammetry, mapping, survey adjustment and coordinates systems, cartography, legal descriptions, and remote sensing. Required courses will include a minimum of basic surveying, route surveying, geodesy, surveying law, public land survey system and global positioning systems. Graduate-level surveying courses can be included to fulfill curricular requirements in this area. (7-1-21)T

iv. The Board may require an independent evaluation of the engineering education of an applicant who has a non-EAC/ABET accredited engineering degree or a non-engineering degree. Such evaluation must be done through an organization approved by the Board and be done at the expense of the applicant to ensure that the applicant has completed the coursework requirements of Subsection 017.03.b. The Board may table action on the

application pending receipt of the evaluation, and, in the event the applicant does not provide the evaluation within one (1) year, the Board may terminate the application, in which case the application fee is forfeited. (7-1-21)T

**03. Two Examinations for Engineering Licensure.** The complete examining procedure for licensure as a professional engineer normally consists of two (2) separate written examinations. The first is the Fundamentals of Engineering examination for engineer intern certification, and the second is the Principles and Practice of Engineering for professional engineer licensure. The examination will be a duration as determined by the Board. Normally, applicants are eligible to take the Fundamentals of Engineering examination during the last or second-to-last semester of or after graduation from an accredited bachelor of science engineering program. A certificate as an Engineer Intern will be issued only to those student applicants who earn a passing grade on the examination and who receive a degree. Having passed the Fundamentals of Engineering examination, applicants will be required to take the Principles and Practice of Engineering examination at a later date when qualified by the Board. (7-1-21)T

**04. Fundamentals of Engineering.** The Fundamentals of Engineering examination will cover such subjects as are ordinarily given in engineering college curricula and which are common to all fields of practice. The examination may also cover subject matters that are specific to the engineering discipline of the applicants' education. (7-1-21)T

**05. Principles and Practice of Engineering -- Disciplines.** The Principles and Practice of Engineering examination will cover the practice of engineering to test the applicant's fitness to assume responsibility for engineering works affecting the public health, safety and welfare. Separate examinations will be given to test the applicant's fitness in any discipline for which there is an examination which, in the opinion of the Board, meets the requirements of duration and difficulty necessary to adequately test the applicant's fitness to practice in that particular discipline. The Board may use examinations prepared by the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) or it may prepare or commission the preparation of, or utilize other state examinations in disciplines other than those for which examinations may be available from NCEES. (7-1-21)T

**06. Three Examinations for Land Surveying Licensure.** The complete examining procedure for licensure as a professional land surveyor consists of three (3) separate written examinations. The first is the Fundamentals of Surveying examination for land surveyor intern certification, and the second is the Principles and Practice of Surveying, and the third is the Idaho specific professional land surveying examination. All examinations are required for professional land surveyor licensure. The examination will be a duration as determined by the Board. Having passed the Fundamentals of Surveying examination, applicants will be required to take the Principles and Practice of Surveying examination at a later date when qualified by the Board. The examination covers the theory and principles of surveying, the practice of land surveying and the requirements of legal enactments. The Principles and Practice of Surveying examination may consist of separate modules, each of which must be passed. Having passed the Principles and Practice of Surveying examination, applicants will be required to pass the Idaho specific professional land surveying examination, which tests for knowledge of the laws and rules of Idaho, and the legal and technical aspects of land surveying in Idaho. (7-1-21)T

**07. Oral or Unassembled Examinations.** An oral examination or unassembled written examination, in addition to the prescribed written examination, may be required for professional engineer and professional land surveyor applicants. (7-1-21)T

**08. Grading.** Unless otherwise provided in 54-1219, or 54-1223 Idaho Code, each land surveyor intern, engineer intern, professional land surveyor and professional engineer applicant must attain a passing score on the entire examination or modules as determined by the Board, before being awarded certification or licensure. Passing scores on national examinations are established by the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying. A passing score on the Idaho specific ethics questionnaire is eighty (80), a passing score on the law and rules module of the Idaho specific land surveying examination is ninety (90), and a passing score on the public land surveying module of the Idaho specific land surveying examination is seventy-five (75). (7-1-21)T

**09. Exemption - Examination on the Fundamentals of Engineering.** The Board may exempt an exceptional individual who has twelve (12) or more years of appropriate engineering experience from the requirement for satisfactory completion of an examination on the fundamentals of engineering as specified in 54-1223(2), Idaho Code. The Board will exempt an individual who has an earned bachelor's degree and an earned doctoral degree from an approved engineering program from the requirement for satisfactory completion of an examination on the fundamentals of engineering as specified in 54-1223(3), Idaho Code. (7-1-21)T

**10. Review of Examination by Examinee.** Due to security concerns about the examinations, examinees are not allowed to review their examinations. Examinees who fail an examination will be provided a diagnostic analysis of their performance on the examination if such an analysis is available to the Board. (7-1-21)T



**18. REEXAMINATIONS.**

The reexamination policy for each failed national examination will be established by NCEES. Reexamination for failed Idaho specific examinations will be allowed until a passing score is attained, but the Board may, in addition, require oral or other examinations. (7-1-21)T

**19. LICENSEES OR CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF OTHER STATES, BOARDS, AND COUNTRIES.**

**01.** Interstate Licensure Evaluation. Each application for an Idaho professional engineer license or professional land surveyor license submitted by an applicant who is licensed as a professional engineer, or licensed as a professional land surveyor, respectively, in one (1) or more states, possessions or territories or the District of Columbia, will be considered by the Board on its merits, and the application evaluated for substantial compliance with respect to the requirements of the Idaho law related to experience, examination, and education. A minimum of four (4) years of progressive experience after graduation with a bachelor of science degree is required for licensure. Individuals who have passed the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) examinations for professional engineering or professional land surveying will be considered to have satisfied the examination requirement for issuance of a license as a professional engineer or professional land surveyor provided that land surveyor applicants also pass the Idaho specific professional land surveying examination. Prescriptive education requirements are as follows: (7-1-21)T

**a.** Graduates from programs accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of the ABET, Inc., (EAC/ABET), or graduates of university bachelor of science engineering programs accredited by the Canadian Engineering Accrediting Board, or those university bachelor of science engineering programs that are accredited by official organizations recognized by the U.K. Engineering Council, or graduates of engineering programs with coursework evaluated by the Board as being substantially equivalent to EAC/ABET degrees, will be considered to have satisfied the educational requirement for issuance of a license as a professional engineer. (7-1-21)T

**b.** The Board may require an independent evaluation of the engineering education of an applicant who has a non-EAC/ABET accredited four (4) year bachelor degree. Such evaluation must be done through an organization approved by the Board and is done at the expense of the applicant to ensure that they have completed the coursework requirements of Subsection 019.01.c. Such evaluation is not required if the applicant has been licensed in another jurisdiction of the United States for a minimum of ten (10) years and has not had any disciplinary action against them and there is none pending, and possesses the education, experience and examination credentials that were specified in the applicable registration chapter in effect in this state at the time such certification was issued. The Board may table action on the application pending receipt of the evaluation, and, in the event the applicant does not provide the evaluation within one (1) year, the Board may terminate the application, in which case the application fee will be forfeited. (7-1-21)T

**c.** An applicant who was originally licensed in another jurisdiction after June 30, 1996, and who has completed a four (4) year bachelor degree program in engineering technology, or in a related science degree program other than engineering must have completed the following before the Board will consider them to possess knowledge and skill approximating that attained through graduation from an approved four (4) year engineering curriculum as required by Section 54-1212(1)(b), Idaho Code: (7-1-21)T

**i.** Thirty-two (32) college semester credit hours of higher mathematics and basic sciences. The credits in mathematics must be beyond algebra and trigonometry and must emphasize mathematical concepts and principles rather than computation. Courses in differential and integral calculus are required. Additional courses may include differential equations, linear algebra, numerical analysis, probability and statistics and advanced calculus. The credits in basic sciences must include at least two (2) courses. These courses must be in general chemistry, general calculus-based physics, or general biological sciences; the two (2) courses may not be in the same area. Additional basic sciences courses may include earth sciences (geology, ecology), advanced biology, advanced chemistry, and advanced physics. Computer skills and/or programming courses may not be used to satisfy mathematics or basic science requirements. Basic engineering science courses or sequence of courses in this area are acceptable for credit but may not be counted twice. (7-1-21)T

**ii.** Twelve (12) college credit hours in a general education component that complements the technical content of the curriculum. Examples of traditional courses in this area are philosophy, religion, history, literature, fine arts, sociology, psychology, political science, anthropology, economics (micro and macro), professional ethics, social responsibility. Examples of other general education courses deemed acceptable include management (such as organizational behavior), accounting, written and oral communications, business, and law. No more than six (6) credit hours may come from courses in management, accounting, business, or law. Courses in engineering economics, engineering management, systems engineering/ analysis, production, and industrial engineering/management will not be counted. Language courses in the applicant's native language are not acceptable for credit; no more than six (6) credit hours of foreign language courses are acceptable for credit. Native language courses in literature and civilization may be considered in this area. Courses which instill cultural values are acceptable, while routine exercises of personal craft are not. (7-1-21)T

iii. Forty-eight (48) college credit hours of engineering science and engineering design courses. Courses in engineering science must be taught within the college / faculty of engineering having their roots in mathematics and basic sciences but carry knowledge further toward creative application of engineering principles. Examples of approved engineering science courses are mechanics, thermodynamics, heat transfer, electrical and electronic circuits, materials science, transport phenomena, and computer science (other than computer programming skills). Courses in engineering design stress the establishment of objectives and criteria, synthesis, analysis, construction, testing, and evaluation. Graduate level engineering courses may be included to fulfill curricular requirements in this area. Engineering technology courses cannot be considered to meet engineering topic requirements. (7-1-21)T

d. In regard to educational requirements, the Board will consider as unconditionally approved only those surveying programs that are accredited either by the Engineering Accreditation Commission (EAC), the Applied and Natural Science Accreditation Commission (ANSAC) or the Engineering Technology Accreditation Commission (ETAC) of ABET, Inc. An applicant who has completed a four (4) year bachelor degree program in a related program must have completed a minimum of the following college level academic courses, or their equivalents as determined by the Board, before the Board will consider them to possess knowledge and skill approximating that attained through graduation from an approved four (4) year surveying curriculum as required by Section 54-1212(2)(b), Idaho Code, for licensure as a professional land surveyor: (7-1-21)T

i. Eighteen (18) college semester credit hours of mathematics and basic sciences. A minimum of twelve (12) credits in mathematics must be beyond basic mathematics, but the credits include college algebra or higher mathematics. These courses must emphasize mathematical concepts and principles rather than computation. Mathematics courses may include college algebra, trigonometry, analytic geometry, differential and integral calculus, linear algebra, numerical analysis, probability and statistics, and advanced calculus. A minimum of six (6) credits must be in basic sciences. These courses must cover one or more of the following topics: general chemistry, advanced chemistry, life sciences (biology), earth sciences (geology, ecology), general physics, and advanced physics. Computer skills and/or programming courses may not be used to satisfy mathematics or basic science requirements; (7-1-21)T

ii. Twelve (12) college semester credit hours in a general education component that complements the technical content of the curriculum. Examples of traditional courses in this area are religion, history, literature, fine arts, sociology, psychology, political science, anthropology, economics, professional ethics, and social responsibility. No more than six (6) credit hours of languages other than English or other than the applicant's native language are acceptable for credit. English and foreign language courses in literature and civilization may be considered in this area. Courses that instill cultural values are acceptable, while routine exercises of personal craft are not; (7-1-21)T

iii. Thirty (30) college semester credit hours of surveying science and surveying practice. Courses must be taught by qualified surveying faculty. Examples of surveying courses are basic surveying, route surveying, geodesy, geographic information systems, land development design and planning, global positioning systems, photogrammetry, mapping, survey adjustment and coordinates systems, cartography, legal descriptions, and remote sensing. Required courses will include a minimum of basic surveying, route surveying, geodesy, surveying law, public land survey system and global positioning systems. Graduate-level surveying courses can be included to fulfill curricular requirements in this area. (7-1-21)T

**02. International Engineering Licensure Evaluation - Countries or Jurisdictions with Board Approved Licensure Process.** The Board may determine the professional engineering licensure process in other countries or jurisdictions within other countries is substantially equivalent to that required 54-1219 Idaho Code. As such, the Board may waive prescriptive education and examination requirements if the applicant possesses a professional engineer license credential, attains a minimum of eight (8) years of experience after licensure, provided the applicant has no criminal or outstanding disciplinary action in any country or jurisdiction, and is in good standing with the licensing Board within that country or jurisdiction. A bona fide licensing process in another country must include requirements of experience, education, testing, a code of professional responsibility, regulation of licensees including the ability take disciplinary action and the willingness, availability, and capacity of a foreign Board to release information to the Idaho Board in English. (7-1-21)T

**03. International Engineering Licensure Evaluation - Countries or Jurisdictions Without a Board Approved Licensure Process.** Each application for an Idaho professional engineer license submitted by an applicant who is licensed as a professional engineer in one (1) or more foreign countries or jurisdictions within a country, will be considered by the Board on its merits, and the application evaluated for substantial compliance with the requirements of Idaho law with respect to experience, examination, and education. A minimum of four (4) years of progressive experience after graduation is required for licensure. The Board will require two (2) years of

experience working in the United States or two (2) years of experience working on projects requiring the knowledge and use of codes and standards similar to those utilized in the United States where the experience is validated by a professional engineer licensed in the United States. The Board may postpone acting on or deny an application for a license by comity if disciplinary or criminal action related to the applicant's practice has been taken or is pending in any country or jurisdiction. Applicants must have passed a professional engineering examination administered by NCEES. Applicants who meet the residency requirements of 54-1212, Idaho Code, are eligible for initial licensure in Idaho when qualified by the Board. Prescriptive education requirements are as follows: (7-1-21)T

**a.** Graduates of engineering university programs accredited by the Canadian Engineering Accrediting Board, or official organizations recognized by the U.K. Engineering Council, or graduates of engineering university programs accredited by EAC/ABET or evaluated by the Board as being substantially equivalent to EAC/ABET programs will be considered to have satisfied the educational requirement for issuance of a license as a professional engineer. (7-1-21)T

**b.** The Board may require an independent credentials evaluation of the engineering education of an applicant educated outside the United States who has a non-EAC/ABET accredited engineering degree. Such evaluation must be done through NCEES or another organization approved by the Board and is done at the expense of the applicant. (7-1-21)T

**c.** The Board may require an independent credentials evaluation of the education for an applicant who has completed a four (4) year bachelor degree program outside the United States in engineering technology, or in a related science degree program other than engineering and must demonstrate completion of the requirements of Subsection 019.01.c. before the Board will consider the applicant to possess the knowledge and skill approximating that attained through graduation from an approved four (4) year engineering curriculum as required by Section 54- 1212(1)(b), Idaho Code. Such evaluation must be done through NCEES or another organization approved by the Board and is done at the expense of the applicant. (7-1-21)T

**04. Waiver of Prescriptive Engineering Licensure Evaluation for Unique International Expertise.** The Board may waive the prescriptive licensure evaluation requirements of 019.03 for international applicants who, in the Board's opinion, are qualified by reason of education and experience and offer unique technical expertise, provided the licensee meets the requirements of 54-1219 Idaho Code. (7-1-21)T

**05. Denials or Special Examinations.** An application from a licensee of another state, possession or territory, District of Columbia, or foreign country may be denied by the Board for any just cause and the application fee retained; or the Board may approve the applicant for a special written and/or oral examination. (7-1-21)T

**06. Business Entity Requirements.** No application for a certificate of authorization to practice or offer to practice professional engineering or professional land surveying, or both, in Idaho by a business entity authorized to practice professional engineering or professional land surveying, or both, in one (1) or more states, possessions or territories, District of Columbia, or foreign countries are considered by the Board unless such application includes the name and address of the individual or individuals, duly licensed to practice professional engineering or professional land surveying or both in this state, who will be in responsible charge of the engineering or land surveying services, or both, as applicable, to be rendered by the business entity in Idaho. The said individual or individuals must certify or indicate to the Board their willingness to assume responsible charge. (7-1-21)T

## **20. DISCONTINUED, RETIRED, AND EXPIRED LICENSES AND CERTIFICATES.**

**01. Reinstatement - Disciplinary.** Licensees who choose to convert their license to retired status as part of a disciplinary action, or in lieu of discipline, or in lieu of compliance with continuing professional development requirements, may be reinstated upon written request. The Board will consider the reinstatement request at a hearing or may waive the hearing for minor violations. (7-1-21)T

**02. Reinstatement - Nondisciplinary.** Licensees who chose to convert their license to retired status not as part of a disciplinary action may request reinstatement in writing. Reinstatement may require a hearing by the Board. (7-1-21)T

**03. Continuing Professional Development.** Licensees requesting reinstatement must demonstrate compliance with the continuing professional development requirements described in these rules as a condition of reinstatement. (7-1-21)T

**04. Eligibility.** Unless otherwise approved by the Board, only unexpired licensees are eligible to convert to retired status. (7-1-

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**05. Discontinued Certificate of Authorization.** Business entities no longer providing engineering or land surveying services in Idaho may request their certificates be discontinued. Reinstatement of a discontinued certificate may be requested by submitting a new application with the Board. (7-1-21)T

**06. Fee for Reinstatement of Discontinued Certificate of Authorization.** The fee for reinstatement of a discontinued certificate will be as required for applications in Section 54-1213, Idaho Code. (7-1-21)T

**021 - 022. (RESERVED)**

**23. PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER LICENSURE FOR FACULTY APPLICANTS.**

Written examinations related to applicable laws and rules for engineering licensure based upon criteria established by the Board must be offered to Idaho college or university faculty applicants whose credentials have been approved by the Board and who possess an earned doctorate degree. The credentials the Board considers in this regard should include the applicant's university course work completed, the applicant's thesis and dissertation work, the applicant's peer reviewed publications, and the nature of the applicant's professional experience. A satisfactory application, along with a passing score on the examination exempts the applicant from the written technical examinations, and may qualify the applicant for a restricted license as a professional engineer. The restricted license applies only to college or university related teaching upper division design subjects. All conditions for maintaining licensure, such as compliance with the laws and rules of the Board, fees and continuing professional development are the same as required for all licensees. The restricted license is effective from the date of issuance until such time as the licensee ceases to be a faculty member of an Idaho college or university, unless not renewed, retired, suspended or revoked and is subject to renewal requirements established in 54-1216, Idaho Code. Teaching and teaching work products are exempt from the requirements of sealing and signing engineering work under 54-1215(c), Idaho Code. Restricted licensees are not required to obtain a seal. (7-1-21)T

**24. -- 099. (RESERVED)**

**SUBCHAPTER B - RULES OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY  
(Rules 100 through 199)**

**100. RESPONSIBILITY TO THE PUBLIC.**

**01. Primary Obligation.** All Licensees and Certificate Holders must at all times recognize their primary obligation is to protect the safety, health and welfare of the public in the performance of their professional duties. (7-1-21)T

**02. Standard of Care.** Each Licensee and Certificate Holder must exercise such care, skill and diligence as others in that profession ordinarily exercise under like circumstances. (7-1-21)T

**03. Professional Judgment.** If any Licensee's or Certificate Holder's professional judgment is overruled under circumstances where the safety, health and welfare of the public are endangered, the Licensee or Certificate Holder must inform the employer or client of the possible consequences and, where appropriate, notify the Board or such other authority of the situation. (7-1-21)T

**04. Obligation to Communicate Discovery of Discrepancy.** Except as provided in the Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure 26(b)(4)(B), if a Licensee or Certificate Holder, during the course of his work, discovers a material discrepancy, error, or omission in the work of another Licensee or Certificate Holder, which may impact the health, property and welfare of the public, the discoverer must make a reasonable effort to inform the Licensee or Certificate Holder whose work is believed to contain the discrepancy, error or omission. Such communication must reference specific codes, standards or physical laws which are believed to be violated and identification of documents which are believed to contain the discrepancies. The Licensee or Certificate Holder whose work is believed to contain the discrepancy must respond within twenty (20) calendar days to any question about his work raised by another Licensee or Certificate Holder. In the event a response is not received within twenty (20) days, the discoverer must notify the Licensee or Certificate Holder in writing, who has another twenty (20) days to respond. Failure to respond (with supportable evidence) on the part of the Licensee or Certificate Holder whose work is believed to contain the discrepancy is considered a violation of these rules and may subject the Licensee or Certificate Holder to disciplinary action by the Board. The discoverer must notify the Board in the event a response that does not answer the concerns of the discoverer is not obtained within the second twenty (20) days. A Licensee or Certificate Holder is exempt from this requirement if their client is an attorney and they are being treated as an expert witness. In this case, the Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure apply. (7-1-21)T

**05. Obligation to Comply with Rules of Continuing Professional Development.** All Licensees must comply with the continuing professional development requirements contained in these rules. (7-1-21)T

**06. Obligation to Affected Landowners.** Land surveyors have a duty to set monuments at the corners of their client's property boundaries in compliance with 54-1227, Idaho Code. Per Subsection 100.04 above, land surveyors also have a duty to notify other licensees of a material discrepancy prior to setting monuments that represent a material discrepancy with a prior survey. If a monument is to be set at a location that represents a material discrepancy with an existing monument at any corner of record, land surveyors must also notify in writing all affected adjoining land owners and the Board prior to setting the new monument. (7-1-21)T

**101. COMPETENCY FOR ASSIGNMENTS.**

**01. Assignments in Field of Competence.** A Licensee must undertake to perform assignments only when qualified by education or experience in the specific technical field involved, however, a Licensee, as the prime professional, may accept an assignment requiring education or experience outside of his own field of competence, but his services are restricted to those phases of the project in which the Licensee is qualified. All other phases of such project must be performed by qualified associates, consultants or employees. For projects encompassing one (1) or more disciplines beyond the Licensee's competence, a Licensee may sign and seal the cover sheet for the total project only when the Licensee has first determined that all elements of the project have been prepared, signed and sealed by others who are competent, licensed and qualified to perform such services. (7-1-21)T

**02. Aiding and Abetting an Unlicensed Person.** A Licensee or Certificate Holder must avoid actions and procedures which, in effect, amount to aiding and abetting an unlicensed person to practice engineering or land surveying. (7-1-21)T

**03. Use of Seal on Documents.** A Licensee must affix his signature and seal only to plans or documents prepared under his responsible charge. (7-1-21)T



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**102. (RESERVED)**

**103. CONFLICT OF INTEREST.**

**01. Conflict of Interest to Be Avoided.** Each Licensee or Certificate Holder must conscientiously avoid conflict of interest with an employer or client, and, when unavoidable, must forthwith disclose the circumstances in writing to the employer or client. In addition, the Licensee or Certificate Holder must promptly inform the employer or client in writing of any business association, interests, or circumstances which could influence a Licensee's or Certificate Holder's judgment or quality of service, or jeopardize the clients' interests. (7-1-21)T

**02. Compensations From Multiple Parties on the Same Project.** A Licensee or Certificate Holder may accept compensation, financial or otherwise, from more than one (1) party for services on the same project, or for services pertaining to the same project, provided the circumstances are fully disclosed, in writing, in advance and agreed to by all interested parties. (7-1-21)T

**03. Solicitation From Material or Equipment Suppliers.** A Licensee or Certificate Holder may not solicit or accept financial or other valuable considerations from material or equipment suppliers for specifying or recommending the products of said suppliers, except with full disclosure as outlined in Subsection 103.02. (7-1-21)T

**04. Gratuities.** A Licensee or Certificate Holder may not solicit or accept gratuities, gifts, travel, lodging, loans, entertainment or other favors directly or indirectly, from contractors, their agents or other third parties dealing with a client or employer in connection with work for which the Licensee or Certificate Holder is responsible, which can be construed to be an effort to improperly influence the Licensee's or Certificate Holder's professional judgment. Minor expenditures such as advertising trinkets, novelties and meals are excluded. Neither may a Licensee or Certificate Holder make any such improper offer. (7-1-21)T

**05. Solicitation From Agencies.** A Licensee, a Certificate Holder or a representative thereof may not solicit or accept a contract from a governmental authority on which an existing officer, director, employee, member, partner, or sole proprietor of his organization serves as a member of the elected or appointed policy and governing body of such governmental authority or serves as a member of an entity of such governmental authority having the right to contract or recommend a contract for the services of a Licensee or a Certificate Holder. (7-1-21)T

**06. Professional Services Decisions of Agencies.** A Licensee, Certificate Holder or representative thereof serving as a member of the governing body of a governmental authority, whether elected or appointed, or an advisor or consultant to a governmental Board, commission or department may at all times be subject to the statutory provisions concerning ethics in government, Section 74-401, Idaho Code, et seq. A violation of the "Ethics in Government Act of 2015" will be considered a violation of these rules. (7-1-21)T

**07. Unfair Advantage of Position and Work Outside Regular Employment.** When a Licensee or an individual Certificate Holder is employed in a full time position, the person may not use the advantages of the position to compete unfairly with other professionals and may not accept professional employment outside of that person's regular work or interest without the knowledge of and written permission or authorization from that person's employer. (7-1-21)T

**104. SOLICITATION OF WORK.**

**01. Commissions.** A Licensee or Certificate Holder may not pay or offer to pay, either directly or indirectly, any commission, gift or other valuable consideration in an effort to secure work, except to bona fide employees or bona fide established business enterprises retained by a Licensee or Certificate Holder for the purpose of securing business or employment. (7-1-21)T

**02. Representation of Qualifications.** A Licensee or Certificate Holder may not falsify or permit misrepresentation of his or his associates' academic or professional qualifications, and may not misrepresent or exaggerate the degree of responsibility in or for the subject matter of prior assignments. Brochures or other presentations incident to the solicitation of employment may not misrepresent pertinent facts concerning employers, employees, associates, joint-venturers or his or their past accomplishments with the intent and purpose of enhancing qualifications for the work. The Licensee or Certificate Holder may not indulge in publicity that is misleading. (7-1-21)T

**03. Assignment on Which Others Are Employed.** A Licensee or Certificate Holder may not knowingly seek or accept employment for professional services for an assignment that another Licensee or Certificate Holder is employed, or contracted to perform without the currently employed or contracted entity being informed in writing. (7-1-21)T

**04. Contingency Fee Contracts.** A Licensee or Certificate Holder may not accept an agreement, contract, or commission for professional services on a "contingency basis" that may compromise his professional judgment and may not accept an agreement, contract or commission for professional services that includes provisions wherein the payment of fee involved is contingent on a "favorable" conclusion, recommendation or judgment. (7-1-21)T

**05. Selection on the Basis of Qualifications.** On selections for professional engineering and land surveying services that are required pursuant to Section 67-2320, Idaho Code, a licensee or certificate holder, in response to solicitations described in Section 67-2320, Idaho Code, may not submit information that constitutes a bid for services requested either as a consultant or subconsultant. (7-1-21)T

**105. IMPROPER CONDUCT.**

**01. Fraudulent or Dishonest Enterprises.** A Licensee or Certificate Holder may not knowingly associate with or permit the use of his name or the firm name in a business venture by any person or firm that it is known to be, or there is reason to believe, is engaging in business or professional practices of a fraudulent or dishonest nature. (7-1-21)T

**02. Confidentiality.** Licensees or Certificate Holders may not reveal confidential facts, data or information obtained in a professional capacity without prior written consent of the client or employer except as authorized or required by law. (7-1-21)T

**03. Actions by Other Jurisdictions.** The surrender, revocation, suspension or denial of a license to practice Professional Engineering or Professional Land Surveying, as an individual or through a business entity, in another jurisdiction, for reasons or causes which the Board finds would constitute a violation of the Idaho laws regulating the practice of Engineering and Land Surveying, or any code or rules promulgated by the Board, is sufficient cause after a hearing for disciplinary action as provided in Title 54 Chapter 12, Idaho Code. (7-1-21)T

**106. -- 199. (RESERVED)**

**SUBCHAPTER C - RULES OF CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**(Rules 200 through 299)**

**200. REQUIREMENTS.**

The purpose of the continuing professional development requirement is to demonstrate a continuing level of competency of licensees. Every licensee shall meet fifteen (15) PDH units per year or thirty (30) PDH units per biennium of continuing professional development as a condition for licensure renewal. (7-1-21)T

**201. USE OF NCEES MODEL CPC STANDARD.**

Licensees must comply with the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) Continuing Professional Competency (CPC) renewal standard as identified in the latest version of the NCEES Model Rule 240.30, and further described in the NCEES Continuing Professional Competency Guidelines. This standard is found at <https://ncees.org/wp-content/uploads/CPC-Guidelines-2017-final.pdf> and is subject to the following exceptions:

(7-1-21)T

**01. Excess Continuing Education.** A licensee may carry forward up to thirty (30) hours of excess continuing education per renewal period. (7-1-

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**02. Professional Society Membership.** Membership in a professional society will count as one (1) PDH per year, for a maximum of two (2) PDH per profession per year. (7-1-

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**202. - 299. (RESERVED)**



**SUBCHAPTER D - RULES FOR CORNER PERPETUATION AND FILING**  
**(Rules 300 through 399)**

**300. FORM.**

The form to be used in filing corner perpetuations in the state of Idaho shall be substantially the same as that form available from the Idaho Board of Licensure of Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors, 1510 E. Watertower St., Ste. 110, Meridian, ID 83642-7993. Clear spaces on the form may be provided as requested and required by County Recorders in order to place recording information in an unobstructed area. The form is not available in quantity from the Board, but one (1) copy will be furnished, upon request, and it may be duplicated or reproduced. (7-1-

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**301. COMPLETION OF FORM.**

Prior to filing of the form, the professional land surveyor performing the work shall complete the form in compliance with the requirements set forth in these rules. Additional information, for example latitude and longitude, with datum used, may be included. (7-1-

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**302. CONTENTS ON THE FORM.** The contents on the form must contain the following: (7-1-21)T

**01. Record of Original Corner and Subsequent History.** Information provided in this section includes the name of the original surveyor and the date or dates on which the original survey was performed and a description of the original monument set. The information also includes the history of subsequent remonumentation, including the name(s) of the surveyor(s), the agency or company they represented, the date(s) of the survey(s) and a description of all monuments found or set, including all monuments and accessories that are not shown on previously recorded corner records. Information provided in this section also includes the instrument numbers of all previously recorded corner records, or the filing information if the corner record was not recorded, pertaining to the corner in question. (7-1-

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**02. Description of Corner Evidence Found.** Information provided in this section includes a description of any evidence found relating to the original corner. If no evidence of the original corner is found, evidence of a subsequent remonumentation shall be indicated on the form. (7-1-

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**03. Description and Sketch of Monument and Accessories Found or Established to Perpetuate the Location of this Corner.** Information provided in this section includes a description and a sketch of the monument and accessories found or placed in the current survey as well as the date the work was performed and the true or assumed magnetic declination at the time of the survey if magnetic bearings are used. If magnetic bearings are not used, the professional land surveyor shall indicate the basis of bearing to accessories. (7-1-

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**04. Surveyor's Certificate.** Include a print of the surveyor's name, the license number issued by the Board, and the name of the employer for whom the surveyor is working. (7-1-

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**05. Seal, Signature, Date.** Include an imprint of the surveyor's professional land surveyor seal, which is signed and dated by the surveyor. (7-1-

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**06. Marks on Monument Found or Set.** Include a sketch or legible image of the marks found or placed on the monument, if applicable. (7-1-

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**07. Diagram.** Include clear marks on the section diagram the location of the monument found or being established or reestablished in the survey. (7-1-

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**08. Location.** State the county, section, township, range and the monument location being established or reestablished or found in the survey. (7-1-

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**303. -- 399. (RESERVED)**

**SUBCHAPTER E - RULES FOR COORDINATE SYSTEM OF LAND DESCRIPTION**  
**(Rules 400 through 499)**

**400. STATE PLANE COORDINATES.**

The State Plane Coordinate System of 1983, described in NOAA Manual NOS NGS 5, reprinted September 1995, available at the URL [https://www.ngs.noaa.gov/library/pdfs/NOAA\\_Manual\\_NOS\\_NGS\\_0005.pdf](https://www.ngs.noaa.gov/library/pdfs/NOAA_Manual_NOS_NGS_0005.pdf) is adopted as the official system of projections for the Idaho Plane Coordinate System (IPCS). The Datum for the IPCS is the North American Datum of 1983 (2011) epoch 2010, defined in NOAA Professional Paper NOS 2, dated December 1989 and found at the URL: [https://geodesy.noaa.gov/library/pdfs/NOAA\\_PP\\_NOS\\_0002.pdf](https://geodesy.noaa.gov/library/pdfs/NOAA_PP_NOS_0002.pdf); further described in Table 1 of Datums and reference frames, last revised July 1, 2020; available at the URL: <https://geodesy.noaa.gov/datums/horizontal/index.shtml>.

**401. - 999. (RESERVED)**

**TITLE 54**  
**PROFESSIONS, VOCATIONS, AND BUSINESSES**  
**CHAPTER 12**  
**ENGINEERS AND SURVEYORS**

**54-1201. Declaration of policy.** To safeguard life, health and property, every person practicing or offering to practice professional engineering or professional land surveying, as herein defined, for any project physically located in this state, shall submit evidence of his qualifications and be licensed as hereinafter provided; and it shall be unlawful for any person to practice or offer to practice professional engineering or professional land surveying for any project physically located in this state, or to use in connection with his name or otherwise assume, use or advertise any title or description tending to convey the impression that he is a licensed professional engineer or professional land surveyor, unless such person has been duly licensed or is exempted under the provisions of this chapter. Except as exempted by section 54-1223, Idaho Code, an engineer shall be allowed to practice professional engineering as defined in this chapter only when he has become duly licensed as a professional engineer by the board under this chapter. Except as exempted by section 54-1223, Idaho Code, a land surveyor shall be allowed to practice professional land surveying as defined in this chapter only when he has become duly licensed as a professional land surveyor by the board under this chapter. The practice of professional engineering or professional land surveying shall be deemed a privilege granted by the Idaho board of licensure of professional engineers and professional land surveyors through the board, based on qualifications of the individuals as evidenced by the person's license, which shall not be transferable. [54-1201, added 1939, ch. 231, sec. 1, p. 516; am. 1957, ch. 234, sec. 1, p. 547; am. 1986, ch. 140, sec. 1, p. 377; am. 1996, ch. 357, sec. 1, p. 1186; am. 2001, ch. 247, sec. 1, p. 890; am. 2008, ch. 378, sec. 2, p. 1024.]

**54-1202. DEFINITIONS.** As used in this chapter, unless the context or subject matter requires otherwise:

- (1) "Authoritative" means certified by a professional land surveyor in accordance with established principles of professional land surveying when used to describe products, processes, applications or data resulting from the practice of professional land surveying.
- (2) "Benchmark" means a material object, natural or artificial, whose elevation is referenced to an adopted datum.
- (3) "Board" means the Idaho board of licensure of professional engineers and professional land surveyors, hereinafter provided by this chapter.
- (4) "Business entity" means a corporation, professional corporation, limited liability company, professional limited liability company, general partnership, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, professional limited liability partnership or any other form of business except a sole proprietorship.
- (5) "Consulting engineer" means a professional engineer whose principal occupation is the independent practice of professional engineering; whose livelihood is obtained by offering engineering services to the public; who is devoid of public, commercial and product affiliation that might tend to infer a conflict of interest; and who is cognizant of his public and legal responsibilities, and is capable of discharging them.
- (6) "Engineer" means a person who is qualified to practice engineering by reason of his special knowledge and use of mathematical, physical and engineering sciences, and the principles and methods of engineering analysis and design, acquired by professional education and engineering experience.

- (7) "Engineer intern" means a person who has qualified for, taken and passed an examination in the fundamentals of engineering subjects as provided in this chapter.
- (8) "Land surveyor intern" means a person who has qualified for, taken and passed an examination in the fundamentals of surveying subjects as provided in this chapter.
- (9) "Professional boundary land survey" means land surveying services performed by a land surveyor licensed by this chapter and includes establishing, reestablishing, marking, or locating the corners or lines of:
- (a) Property boundaries;
  - (b) The public land survey system;
  - (c) Rights-of-way;
  - (d) Easements;
  - (e) Lease areas; or
  - (f) Other interests in real property.
- (10) "Professional engineer" means a person who has been duly licensed as a professional engineer by the board under this chapter.
- (11) "Professional engineering" and "practice of professional engineering" mean any service or creative work offered to or performed for the public for any project physically located in this state, such as consultation, investigation, evaluation, planning, designing, design coordination, teaching upper division engineering design subjects, and responsible charge of observation of construction in connection with any public or private utilities, structures, buildings, machines, equipment, processes, works or projects or to certify elevation information, wherein the public welfare or the safeguarding of life, health, or property is concerned or involved, when such service requires the application of engineering principles and data. A person shall be construed to practice or offer to practice professional engineering within the meaning and intent of this chapter who practices or offers to practice any of the branches of the profession of engineering for the public for any project physically located in this state or who, by verbal claim, sign, advertisement, letterhead, card, or in any other way represents himself to be a professional engineer or through the use of some other title implies that he is a professional engineer or that he is licensed under this chapter, or holds himself out as able to perform or who does perform for the public for any project physically located in this state, any engineering service or work or any other service designated by the practitioner which is the practice of professional engineering.
- (12) (a) "Professional land surveying" and "practice of professional land surveying" mean responsible charge of authoritative land surveying services using sciences such as mathematics, geodesy and photogrammetry and involving:
- (i) The making of geometric measurements and gathering related information pertaining to the physical or legal features of the earth, improvement on the earth, and the space above, on or below the earth; and
  - (ii) Providing, utilizing or developing the same into survey products such as graphics, data, maps, plans, reports, descriptions or projects. Professional services include acts of consultation, investigation, testimony, planning, mapping, assembling and interpreting and gathering measurements and information related to any one (1) or more of the following:
    1. Determining by measurement the configuration or contour of the earth's surface or the position of any fixed objects;
    2. Performing geodetic surveys to determine the size and shape of the earth or the position of any point on the earth;
    3. Locating, relocating, establishing, reestablishing or retracing property lines or boundaries of any tract of land, road, right-of-way, easement or real property lease;
    4. Making any survey for a division or subdivision or a consolidation of any tracts of land;
    5. Locating or laying out of alignments, positions or elevations in the field for the construction of fixed works;

6. Determining, by the use of principles of surveying, the position for any boundary or nonboundary survey monument or reference point or for establishing or replacing any such monument or reference point;

7. Certifying elevation information;

8. Preparing narrative land descriptions; or

9. Creating, preparing or modifying electronic or other data necessary for the performance of activities in subparagraphs 1. through 8. of this paragraph.

(b) "Professional land surveying" and "practice of professional land surveying" shall not mean:

(i) Mapping or geographic information system work that is for nonauthoritative boundaries and nonauthoritative elevations;

(ii) Construction survey work that is unrelated to establishing vertical and horizontal project control; or

(iii) Construction staking of fixed works or the development and use of electronic models for machine-controlled construction that by design are unrelated to determining boundaries described in paragraph (a)(ii)3. of this subsection.

Any person shall be construed to practice or offer to practice professional land surveying who engages in professional land surveying, or who, by verbal claim, sign, advertisement, letterhead, card, or in any other way, represents himself to be a professional land surveyor, or who represents himself as able to perform or who does perform any professional land surveying service or work or any other service designated by the practitioner which is professional land surveying.

(13) "Professional land surveyor" means a person who is qualified by reason of his knowledge of the principles of land surveying acquired by education and practical experience to engage in the practice of professional land surveying and who has been duly licensed as a professional land surveyor by the board under this chapter.

(14) "Public" means any person, firm, corporation, partnership, company, government agency, institution or any other entity recognized by law.

(15) "Responsible charge" means the control and direction of engineering work, or the control and direction of land surveying work, requiring initiative, professional skill, independent judgment and professional knowledge of the content of relevant documents during their preparation. Except as allowed under section 54-1223, Idaho Code, reviewing, or reviewing and correcting, documents after they have been prepared by others does not constitute the exercise of responsible charge.

(16) "Retired professional engineer" or "retired professional land surveyor" means a professional licensed under this chapter who chooses to place his license in retired status indicating he is no longer practicing or offering to practice professional engineering or professional land surveying.

(17) "Rules of professional responsibility" means those rules, if any, promulgated by the board, as authorized by the Idaho Code.

(18) "Signature" means either: an original handwritten message identification containing the name of the person who applied it; or a digital signature, which is an electronic authentication process attached to or logically associated with an electronic document. The digital signature must be unique to the person using it; must be capable of verification; must be under the sole control of the person using it; and must be linked to a document in such a manner that the digital signature is invalidated if any data in the document is changed.

(19) "Standard design plan" means a building, structure, equipment or facility that is intended to be constructed or sited at multiple locations and for which some or all of the plans must be prepared by a professional engineer.

(20) "Survey monuments used as control" means any monument marking, referencing, or used as a witness for a line or corner in any professional boundary land survey as defined in subsection (9) of this section.

History:

[54-1202, added 1939, ch. 231, sec. 2, p. 516; am. 1957, ch. 234, sec. 2, p. 547; am. 1961, ch. 258, sec. 1, p. 422; am. 1978, ch. 170, sec. 1, p. 372; am. 1986, ch. 140, sec. 2, p. 377; am. 1996, ch. 357, sec. 2, p. 1187; am. 2000, ch. 289, sec. 1, p. 991; am. 2001, ch. 247, sec. 2, p. 890; am. 2002, ch. 6, sec. 1, p. 6; am. 2007, ch. 219, sec. 1, p. 655; am. 2008, ch. 378, sec. 3, p. 1024; am. 2011, ch. 136, sec. 10, p. 389; am. 2013, ch. 339, sec. 1, p. 886; am. 2014, ch. 235, sec. 1, p. 594; am. 2015, ch. 116, sec. 1, p. 300; am. 2016, ch. 61, sec. 1, p. 195; am. 2020, ch. 127, sec. 1, p. 396]

**54-1203. Idaho Board of Licensure of Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors.** There is hereby established in the division of occupational and professional licenses the Idaho board of licensure of professional engineers and professional land surveyors. It shall consist of seven (7) persons, appointed by the governor who may consider recommendations for appointment to the board from any organized and generally recognized state engineering society in this state, any organized and generally recognized state land surveying society in this state and from any individual residing in this state. The board shall be comprised of four (4) persons licensed as professional engineers, two (2) persons licensed as professional land surveyors and one (1) person who shall be a member of the general public with an interest in the rights of consumers of engineering and land surveying services. The members of the board shall have the qualifications required by section 54-1204, Idaho Code. Each member of the board shall take, subscribe and file the oath required by chapter 4, title 59, Idaho Code, before entering upon the duties of the office. On the expiration of the term of any member, a successor shall be appointed in like manner by the governor for a term of five (5) years. Any appointment to complete a term that has not expired, because of resignation, removal or inability of a member to serve for any reason, shall be for the unexpired portion of the term. A member of the board shall hold office until the expiration of the term for which he was appointed and until his successor has been appointed and qualified. A member, after serving two (2) consecutive full terms in addition to any unexpired portion of a term, shall not be reappointed for a period of two (2) years. The board, on its own initiative, may appoint any former member as an emeritus member for special assignment to assist the board in the administration of this chapter.

History:

[54-1203, added 1939, ch. 231, sec. 3, p. 516; am. 1974, ch. 13, sec. 109, p. 138; am. 1978, ch. 170, sec. 2, p. 373; am. 1986, ch. 140, sec. 3, p. 379; am. 1996, ch. 357, sec. 3, p. 1189; am. 2008, ch. 378, sec. 4, p. 1028; am. 2015, ch. 114, sec. 1, p. 294; am. 2016, ch. 340, sec. 14, p. 939; am. 2021, ch. 222, sec 11. .p. 627.]

**54-1204. Qualification of Members of Board** Members of the board shall be citizens of the United States and residents of this state; and except for the public member, they shall have been engaged for at least twelve (12) years in the practice of engineering for the professional engineer members or land surveying for the professional land surveyor members, shall have been in responsible charge for at least five (5) years of important professional engineering or professional land surveying work, and shall be licensed under the provisions of this chapter. Responsible charge of engineering or land surveying teaching may be construed as responsible charge of important professional engineering or professional land surveying work.

History:

[54-1204, added 1939, ch. 231, sec. 4, p. 516; am. 1957, ch. 234, sec. 3, p. 547; am. 1978, ch. 170, sec. 3, p. 374; am. 1986, ch. 140, sec. 4, p. 380; am. 1996, ch. 357, sec. 4, p. 1189; am. 2008, ch. 378, sec. 5, p. 1028; am. 2015, ch. 114, sec. 2, p. 295; am. 2016, ch. 340, sec. 15, p. 940.]

**54-1205. Compensation and expenses of board members.** Each member of the board shall be compensated as provided by section 59-509(i), Idaho Code, when attending to the work of the board or any of its committees and for the time spent in necessary travel; and, in addition thereto, shall be reimbursed for all actual travel, per diem, incidentals and clerical expenses necessarily incurred in carrying out the provisions of this chapter. [54-1205, added 1939, ch. 231, sec. 5, p. 516; am. 1957, ch. 234, sec. 4, p. 547; am. 1978, ch. 170, sec. 4, p. 374; am. 1980, ch. 247, sec. 59, p. 624; am. 1986, ch. 140, sec. 5, p. 380; am. 2000, ch. 289, sec. 2, p. 993; am. 2007, ch. 219, sec. 2, p. 657.]

**54-1206. Removal of board members and filling vacancies.** Board members shall serve at the pleasure of the governor. Vacancies in the membership of the board shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the governor as provided in section 54-1203, Idaho Code.

History:

[54-1206, added 1939, ch. 231, sec. 6, p. 516; am. 1986, ch. 140, sec. 6, p. 380; am. 2016, ch. 340, sec. 16, p. 940.]

**54-1207. Board -- Organization and Meetings.** The board shall hold at least one (1) regular meeting each year. The rules of the board may provide for additional regular meetings and for special meetings. Notice of all meetings shall be given as may be provided in the rules. The board shall annually elect a chairman, a vice chairman and a secretary, who shall be members of the board. Four (4) members shall constitute a quorum.

History:

[54-1207, added 1939, ch. 231, sec. 7, p. 516; am. 1978, ch. 170, sec. 5, p. 374; am. 1996, ch. 357, sec. 5, p. 1190; am. 2000, ch. 289, sec. 3, p. 993; am. 2015, ch. 114, sec. 3, p. 295; am. 2016, ch. 341, sec. 1, p. 966; am. 2021, ch. 611, sec. 4, p. 5.]

**54-1208. Board -- Powers.** (1) The board shall have the power to adopt and amend administrative rules including, but not limited to, rules of professional responsibility, rules of continuing professional development not to exceed sixteen (16) hours annually for each profession for which the professional is licensed, and rules of procedure, not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of this state, which may be reasonably necessary for the proper performance of its duties and the administration of the chapter and the regulation of proceedings before the board. These actions by the board shall be binding upon persons licensed under this chapter and shall be applicable to business entities holding a certificate of authorization as provided in section 54-1235, Idaho Code. It shall adopt and have an official seal which shall be affixed to each license and certificate issued. It shall have power to provide an office, office equipment and facilities and such books and records as may be reasonably necessary for the proper performance of its duties.

(2) In carrying into effect the provisions of this chapter, the board may subpoena witnesses and compel their attendance, and also may require the submission of books, papers, documents, or other pertinent data in any disciplinary matters or in any case wherever a violation of this chapter is alleged. Upon failure or refusal to comply with any such order of the board, or upon failure to honor its subpoena as herein provided, the board may apply to any court of any jurisdiction to enforce compliance with same.

(3) The board is hereby authorized in the name of the state to apply for relief by injunction in the established manner provided in cases of civil procedure, without bond, to enforce the provisions

of this chapter or to restrain any violation thereof. Venue for all such actions shall be in the district court of the fourth judicial district, Ada county, Idaho.

(4) The board may subject an applicant for licensure or certification to such examination as it deems necessary to determine qualifications.

(5) Any action, claim or demand to recover money damages from the board or its employees which any person is legally entitled to recover as compensation for the negligent or otherwise wrongful act or omission of the board or its employees, when acting within the course and scope of their employment, shall be governed by the Idaho tort claims act, chapter 9, title 6, Idaho Code. For purposes of this section, the term "employees" shall include, in addition to those persons listed in section 6-902(4), Idaho Code, special assignment members, emeritus members and any independent contractors while acting within the course and scope of their board related work.

(6) The board may recommend arbitration of disputes between professional engineers or disputes between professional land surveyors. [54-1208, added 1939, ch. 231, sec. 8, p. 516; am. 1957, ch. 234, sec. 5, p. 547; am. 1963, ch. 22, sec. 1, p. 163; am. 1974, ch. 13, sec. 110, p. 138; am. 1986, ch. 140, sec. 7, p. 380; am. 1990, ch. 192, sec. 1, p. 424; am. 1998, ch. 220, sec. 6, p. 758; am. 1999, ch. 273, sec. 1, p. 686; am. 2000, ch. 289, sec. 4, p. 993; am. 2001, ch. 247, sec. 3, p. 892; am 2008, ch. 378, sec. 6, p. 1029.]

**54-1209. Receipts and disbursements. – Occupational Licenses Fund.** (1) The secretary of the board, or assistants thereto as may be designated by the board, shall receive and account for all moneys derived under the provisions of this chapter. All fees creceived by the board under the provisions of this chapter shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the occupational licenses fund, and all costs and expenses incurred by the board under the provisions of this chapter shall be a charge against and paid from the fund for such purposes.

(2) The secretary of the board shall be bonded to the state of Idaho in the time, form and manner prescribed in chapter 8, title 59, Idaho Code.

(3) The administrator of the division of occupational and professional licenses shall carry out the duties set forth in chapter 26, title 67, Idaho Code, and any other administrative duties on behalf of the board. [54-1209, added 1939, ch. 231, sec. 9, p. 516; am. 1971, ch. 136, sec. 35, p. 522; am. 1978, ch. 170, sec. 6, p. 375; am. 1986, ch. 140, sec. 8, p. 382; am. 1990, ch. 192, sec. 2, p. 425; am. 1994, ch. 180, sec. 97, p. 490; am. 1996, ch. 357, sec. 6, p. 1190; am. 2000, ch. 289, sec. 5, p. 994, repealed 2021, ch..224, sec. 39, p. 673; am. 2021, ch. 224, sec. 40, p. 673]

**54-1210. Records and reports.** (1) The board shall keep a record of its proceedings and a record of all applications for licensure or certification, which record shall show: the name, date of birth and last known address of each applicant; the date of the application; the place of business of such applicant; his education, experience and other qualifications; type of examination required; whether or not the applicant was rejected; whether or not a certificate or license was granted; the dates of the action of the board; and any other information as may be deemed necessary by the board.

(2) The records of the board shall be prima facie evidence of the proceedings of the board set forth therein, and the minutes thereof, duly certified by the secretary of the board under seal, shall be admissible in evidence with the same force and effect as if the original were produced.

(3) Board records and papers are subject to disclosure according to chapter 1, title 74, Idaho Code. History: [54-1210, added 1939, ch. 231, sec. 10, p. 516; am. 1957, ch. 234, sec. 6, p. 547; am. 1986, ch. 140, sec. 9, p. 382; am. 1990, ch. 213, sec. 76, p. 541; am. 1996, ch. 357, sec. 7, p. 1190; am. 2008, ch. 378, sec. 7, p. 1030; am. 2015, ch. 141, sec. 136, p. 481; am. 2021, ch. 174, p. 483.]

**54-1211. Roster.** A complete roster showing the names and last known addresses of all professional engineers, all professional land surveyors, all business entities holding certificates of



authorization as required under section 54-1235, Idaho Code, and all who possess current certification as engineer interns and as land surveyor interns shall be maintained by the board in an electronic format available to the public. History: [54-1211, added 1939, ch. 231, sec. 11, p. 516; am. 1961, ch. 258, sec. 2, p. 422; am. 1963, ch. 28, sec. 1, p. 169; am. 1978, ch. 170, sec. 7, p. 375; am. 1986, ch. 140, sec. 10, p. 383; am. 1991, ch. 30, sec. 11, p. 66; am. 1996, ch. 357, sec. 8, p. 1191; am. 2000, ch. 289, sec. 6, p. 995; am. 2008, ch. 278, sec. 8, p. 1030.]

**54-1212. General requirements for examination and license.** Except as herein otherwise expressly provided, no license as a professional engineer or professional land surveyor, or certification as an engineer intern or land surveyor intern, shall be issued until an applicant has successfully passed an examination given by or approved by the board, nor shall a license as a professional engineer or professional land surveyor, or certification as an engineer intern or land surveyor intern, be issued to an applicant having habits or character that would justify revocation or suspension of his license or certificate, as provided in section 54-1220, Idaho Code. Except for military personnel stationed in the state of Idaho on military orders and except for persons employed full-time in the state of Idaho, only residents of the state of Idaho and students enrolled at an Idaho university or college may qualify for initial licensure. The following shall be considered as minimum evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant is qualified for certification as an intern or licensure as a professional engineer or professional land surveyor:

(1) As a professional engineer:

(a) Graduation from an approved engineering program of four (4) years or more in a school or college approved by the board as being of satisfactory standing, passage of examinations on the fundamentals of engineering and professional engineering acceptable to the board, and a specific record, after graduation, of an additional four (4) years or more of progressive experience in engineering work of a grade and character satisfactory to the board, and indicating that the applicant is competent to practice professional engineering; or

(b) Graduation with a bachelor's degree in a related science from a school or college approved by the board, and evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant possesses knowledge and skill approximating that attained through graduation from an approved four (4) year engineering program, passage of examinations on the fundamentals of engineering and professional engineering acceptable to the board, and a specific record, after graduation, of four (4) years or more of progressive experience in engineering work of a grade and character satisfactory to the board and indicating that the applicant is competent to practice professional engineering.

(2) As a professional land surveyor:

(a) Graduation from an approved surveying program of four (4) years or more in a school or college approved by the board as being of satisfactory standing, passage of examinations on the fundamentals of surveying and professional land surveying acceptable to the board, and a specific record of an additional four (4) years or more of progressive combined office and field experience in land surveying work of a grade and character satisfactory to the board and indicating that the applicant is competent to practice professional land surveying; or

(b) Graduation with a bachelor's degree in a related program from a school or college approved by the board as being of satisfactory standing, and evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant possesses knowledge and skill approximating that attained through graduation from an approved four (4) year surveying program, passage of examinations on the fundamentals of surveying and professional land surveying acceptable to the board, and a specific record of an additional four (4) years or more of progressive combined office and field experience in land surveying work of a grade and character satisfactory to the board and indicating that the applicant is competent to practice land surveying.

(3) As an engineer intern:

(a) Passage of an examination on the fundamentals of engineering and graduation from an approved engineering program of four (4) years or more in a school or college approved by the board as being of satisfactory standing and indicating that the applicant is competent to enroll as an engineer intern;

(b) Passage of an examination on the fundamentals of engineering and graduation with a bachelor's degree in a related science from a school or college approved by the board, and evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant possesses knowledge and skill approximating that attained through graduation from an approved four (4) year engineering program, and indicating that the applicant is competent to be enrolled as an engineer intern; or

(c) Passage of an examination on the fundamentals of engineering and graduation with an engineering master's or doctoral degree approved by the board, evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant possesses knowledge and skill approximating that attained through graduation from an approved four (4) year engineering program, and indicating that the applicant is competent to be enrolled as an engineer intern.

(d) In the event the applicant passes the examination prior to graduation under the provisions of paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of this subsection, a certificate will be issued only after the applicant graduates.

(4) As a land surveyor intern:

(a) Passage of an examination on the fundamentals of surveying and graduation from an approved surveying program of four (4) years or more in a school or college approved by the board as being of satisfactory standing and indicating that the applicant is competent to be enrolled as a land surveyor intern; or

(b) Passage of an examination on the fundamentals of surveying and graduation with a bachelor's degree in a related program from a school or college approved by the board, evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant possesses knowledge and skill approximating that attained through graduation from an approved four (4) year surveying program, and indicating that the applicant is competent to be enrolled as a land surveyor intern.

(c) In the event the applicant passes the examination prior to graduation from college under the provisions of paragraph (a) or (b) of this subsection, a certificate shall be issued only after the applicant graduates.

In counting years of experience for licensure as a professional engineer or professional land surveyor, the board may, at its discretion, give credit, not in excess of one (1) year, for satisfactory graduate study toward a master's degree and not in excess of an additional one (1) year for satisfactory graduate study toward a doctorate degree. In the event an applicant obtains a doctorate degree without first obtaining a master's degree, the board may, at its discretion, give credit, not in excess of two (2) years.

In considering the combined education and experience qualifications of applicants, the board shall consider engineering teaching, land surveying teaching, each year of satisfactory completion of undergraduate college education, advanced degrees in engineering and advanced degrees in land surveying in establishing the applicants' minimum composite knowledge and skill.

The mere execution, as a contractor, of work designed by a professional engineer, or the supervision of the construction of such work as a foreman or superintendent, shall not be deemed to be the practice of engineering, but if such experience, in the opinion of the board, has involved responsible supervision of a character that will tend to expand the engineering knowledge and skill of the applicant the board may in its discretion give such credit therefor as it may deem proper.

Any person having the necessary qualifications prescribed in this chapter that otherwise entitle him for initial licensure or certification shall be eligible although he may not be practicing his profession at the time of making his application.

The board may postpone acting on an application for certification or licensure if disciplinary or criminal action related to the applicant's practice has been taken or is pending in any other

jurisdiction. The board may postpone the notification of examination results to applicants on any examination if there is any unresolved examination irregularity involving the applicant. The board may investigate and adjudicate the validity of examination irregularities and if the examination irregularities are substantiated, the board may invalidate the examination result of the applicant. History: [54-1212, added 1939, ch. 231, sec. 12, p. 516; am. 1957, ch. 234, sec. 7, p. 547; am. 1961, ch. 258, sec. 3, p. 422; am. 1978, ch. 170, sec. 8, p. 371; am. 1986, ch. 140, sec. 11, p. 375; am. 1990, ch. 192, sec. 3, p. 424; am. 1992, ch. 61, sec. 1, p. 192; am. 1996, ch. 357, sec. 9, p. 1185; am. 1997, ch. 189, sec. 1, p. 514; am. 2000, ch. 289, sec. 7, p. 995; am. 2002, ch. 125, sec. 1, p. 350; am. 2003, ch. 15, sec. 1, p. 43; am. 2003, ch. 15, sec. 2, p. 46; am. 2004, ch. 84, sec. 1, p. 313; am. 2004, ch. 84, sec. 2, p. 315; am. 2008, ch. 378, sec. 9, p. 1030; am. 2008, ch. 378, sec. 10, p. 1033; am. 2010, ch. 111, sec. 1, p. 223; am. 2012, ch. 24, sec. 1, p. 78; am. 2015, ch. 48, sec. 3, p. 103; am. 2018, ch. 67, sec. 1, 159.]

**54-1213. Applications and Fees.** Applications for licensure as a professional engineer or professional land surveyor, or certification as an engineer intern or land surveyor intern, shall be on forms prescribed and furnished by the board. The application shall show the applicant's education and a detailed summary of his engineering or land surveying experience. An applicant for licensure as a professional engineer or professional land surveyor shall furnish not less than five (5) references, of whom three (3) or more should be professional engineers or professional land surveyors, as applicable, having personal knowledge of the applicant's engineering or land surveying experience. Applications for certificates of authorization shall be made in accordance with section 54-1235, Idaho Code.

The maximum application fee for professional engineers or professional land surveyors seeking to be licensed by examination shall not exceed one hundred dollars (\$100). The application fee shall accompany the application. The examination fee, which shall be separate from the application fee, shall be paid by the applicant directly to the entity designated by the board.

The maximum application fee for an applicant who seeks a certificate as an engineer intern or land surveyor intern shall not exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00). The application fee shall accompany the application. The examination fee, which shall be separate from the application fee, shall be paid by the applicant directly to the entity designated by the board.

The maximum application fee for business entities seeking a certificate of authorization shall be two hundred dollars (\$200). The application fee shall accompany the application.

The amount of the license fee or certificate fee shall be fixed by the board prior to June 30 of any year and shall continue in force until changed.

Should the board deny the issuance of a certificate or license to any applicant, the application fee paid shall be retained as a processing fee. [54-1213, added 1939, ch. 231, sec. 13, p. 516; am. 1957, ch. 234, sec. 8, p. 547; am. 1961, ch. 258, sec. 4, p. 422; am. 1963, ch. 23, sec. 1, p. 164; am. 1970, ch. 95, sec. 1, p. 238; am. 1978, ch. 170, sec. 9, p. 379; am. 1984, ch. 254, sec. 1, p. 605; am. 1986, ch. 140, sec. 12, p. 385; am. 1990, ch. 192, sec. 4, p. 428; am. 1996, ch. 357, sec. 10, p. 1194; am. 1998, ch. 220, sec. 7, p. 759; am. 2000, ch. 289, sec. 8, p. 997; am. 2001, ch. 247, sec. 4, p. 893; am. 2004, ch. 84, sec. 3, p. 317; am. 2008, ch. 378, sec. 11, p. 1035; am. 2009, ch. 20, sec. 1, p. 46; am. 2010, ch. 111, sec. 2, p. 225; am. 2012, ch. 24, sec. 2, p. 81.]

**54-1214. Examinations.** (1) Examinations will be held at such times and places as the board directs. The board shall determine the acceptable grade on examinations.

(2) Written professional examinations may be taken only after the applicant has met the other minimum requirements as given in section 54-1212, Idaho Code. The following examinations shall be offered:

(a) Fundamentals of Engineering -- The examination consists of a test on the fundamentals of engineering acceptable to the board. Passing this examination qualifies the examinee for an engineer intern certificate, provided he has met all other requirements of certification required by this chapter.

(b) Principles and Practice of Engineering -- The professional engineering examination consists of a test on applied engineering acceptable to the board. Passing this examination qualifies the examinee for licensure as a professional engineer, provided he has met the other requirements for licensure required by this chapter.

(c) Fundamentals of Surveying -- The examination consists of a test on the fundamentals of surveying acceptable to the board. Passing this examination qualifies the examinee for a land surveyor intern certificate, provided he has met all other requirements for certification required by this chapter.

(d) Principles and Practice of Surveying -- The professional surveying examination consists of a test on applied surveying acceptable to the board. Passing this examination qualifies the examinee for licensure as a professional land surveyor, provided he has met the other requirements for licensure required by this chapter.

(3) A candidate failing all or part of a professional examination may request reexamination, which may be granted upon payment of a separate examination fee paid by the applicant directly to the entity designated by the board.

(4) The board may prepare and adopt specifications for the examinations in engineering and land surveying.

(5) The board may issue a restricted license to engineering faculty with an earned doctorate degree. The license shall be restricted to those licensees remaining employed by a college or university in this state and teaching upper division engineering courses. The board may waive technical examinations for such licenses in lieu of other requirements prescribed by rule. As used in this section, "restricted license" means a license to teach college or university upper division courses with an earned doctorate but without passing a technical examination. History: [54-1214, added 1939, ch. 231, sec. 14, p. 516; am. 1957, ch. 234, sec. 9, p. 547; am. 1961, ch. 258, sec. 5, p. 422; am. 1970, ch. 95, sec. 2, p. 238; am. 1978, ch. 170, sec. 10, p. 380; am. 1984, ch. 254, sec. 2, p. 606; am. 1986, ch. 140, sec. 13, p. 386; am. 1990, ch. 192, sec. 5, p. 429; am. 1996, ch. 357, sec. 11, p. 1195; am. 1998, ch. 220, sec. 8, p. 760; am. 2000, ch. 289, sec. 9, p. 998; am. 2008, ch. 378, sec. 12, p. 1036; am. 2009, ch. 20, sec. 2, p. 46; am. 2010, ch. 111, sec. 3, p. 225; am. 2015, ch. 48, sec. 4, p. 105; am. 2016, ch. 142, sec. 1, p. 409; am. 2018, ch. 67, sec. 2, p. 161.]

**54-1215. License -- Seals -- Intern certificates.** (1) The board shall issue a license upon payment of the fee as provided for in this chapter to any applicant who, in the opinion of the board, has satisfactorily met all of the requirements of this chapter for licensure as a professional engineer or professional land surveyor, and a certificate shall be issued to those who qualify as an engineer intern or a land surveyor intern. In the case of a professional engineer, the license shall authorize the practice of "professional engineering," and in the case of a professional land surveyor, the license shall authorize the practice of "professional land surveying." Licenses shall show the full name of the licensee, shall give a license number, and shall be signed by the chairman and the secretary of the board under seal of the board.

(2) The issuance of a license by the board shall be prima facie evidence that the person named therein is entitled to all the rights, privileges and responsibilities of a licensed professional engineer or of a licensed professional land surveyor, provided that said license has not expired or has not been retired, suspended, or revoked.

(3) Except for engineering faculty holding a restricted license pursuant to section 54-1214 (5), Idaho Code, each licensee hereunder shall, upon licensure, obtain a seal, the use and design of which are described below. It shall be unlawful for any person to affix or to permit his seal and signature to be affixed to any documents after the license of the licensee named thereon has expired or has been retired, suspended, or revoked, unless said license shall have been renewed, reinstated, or reissued, or for the purpose of aiding or abetting any other person to evade or attempt to evade any portion of this chapter.

(a) The seal may be a rubber stamp, crimp or electronically generated image. Whenever the seal is applied, the licensee's signature and date shall also be included. If the signature is handwritten, it shall be adjacent to or across the seal. No further words or wording is required. A facsimile signature generated by any method will not be acceptable unless accompanied by a digital signature.

(b) The seal, signature and date shall be placed on all final specifications, land surveys, reports, plats, drawings, plans, design information and calculations whenever presented to a client or any public or governmental agency. Any such document presented to a client or public or governmental agency that is not final and does not contain a seal, signature and date shall be clearly marked as "draft," "not for construction" or with similar words to distinguish the document from a final document. In the event the final work product is preliminary in nature or contains the word "preliminary," such as a "preliminary engineering report," the final work product shall be sealed, signed and dated as a final document if the document is intended to be relied upon to make policy decisions important to the life, health, property, or fiscal interest of the public.

(c) The seal and signature of the licensee and date shall be placed on all original documents in such a manner that such seal, signature and date are reproduced when the original document is copied. The application of the licensee's seal and signature and the date shall constitute certification that the work thereon was done by him or under his responsible charge. Each plan or drawing sheet shall be sealed and signed and dated by the licensee or licensees responsible for each sheet. In the case of a business entity, each plan or drawing sheet shall be sealed and signed and dated by the licensee or licensees involved. Copies of electronically produced documents, listed in paragraph (b) of this subsection, distributed for informational uses such as for bidding purposes or working copies, may be issued with the licensee's seal and a notice that the original document is on file with the licensee's signature and the date. The words "Original Signed By:" and "Date Original Signed:" shall be placed adjacent to or across the seal on the electronic original. The storage location of the original document shall also be provided. Only the title page of reports, specifications and like documents need bear the seal and signature of the licensee and the date.

(d) The seal and signature shall be used by licensees only when the work being stamped was under the licensee's responsible charge.

(e) The design of the seal shall be as determined by the board.

(4) The board shall issue to any applicant who, in the opinion of the board, has met the requirements of this chapter a certificate as an engineer intern or land surveyor intern. The engineer intern or land surveyor intern certificate does not authorize the certificate holder to practice as a professional engineer or a professional land surveyor. [54-1215, added 1939, ch. 231, sec. 15, p. 516; am. 1957, ch. 234, sec. 10, p. 547; am. 1961, ch. 258, sec. 6, p. 422; am. 1978, ch. 170, sec. 11, p. 371; am. 1986, ch. 140, sec. 14, p. 375; am. 1996, ch. 357, sec. 12, p. 1185; am. 1997, ch. 49, sec. 1, p. 83; am. 2000, ch. 289, sec. 10, p. 991; am. 2001, ch. 247, sec. 5, p. 889; am. 2002, ch. 6, sec. 2, p. 6; am. 2007, ch. 219, sec. 3, p. 657; am. 2008, ch. 378, sec. 13, p. 1037; am. 2020, ch. 127, sec. 2, p. 396.]

**54-1216. Expirations and Renewals -- Fees.** (1) Each licensee or intern shall apply for renewal by the last day of the month during which the licensee was born, in even-numbered state of Idaho fiscal years for those born in even-numbered calendar years and in odd-numbered state of Idaho fiscal years for those born in odd-numbered calendar years, and shall become invalid on that date unless renewed.

(2) Certificates of authorization for business entities shall expire annually on the last day of the month in which the certificates were initially issued and shall become invalid on that date unless renewed.

(3) Renewal shall be after the payment of a renewal fee to be fixed by the board at not more than one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) and upon completion of any requirements for renewal required by this chapter or administrative rule.

(4) The failure on the part of any licensee or certificate holder to renew his or its license or certificate before expiration shall not deprive such person or business entity of the right of renewal, but the fee to be paid for the renewal of a license or certificate after the month in which it is due shall be increased fifty percent (50%) for each month or fraction of a month that payment of renewal is delayed; provided however, that the maximum fee for delayed renewal shall not exceed five hundred dollars (\$500).

(5) Any work performed after a license or certificate of authorization has expired, but before delayed renewal has been effected, shall become valid upon delayed renewal as if the license or certificate of authorization had not expired, but the licensee or certificate holder may be subject to disciplinary action by the board for practice on an expired license or such other action as provided pursuant to this chapter.

(6) The renewal of intern certificates shall be processed as prescribed in subsections (1) and (4) of this section for licensees, except that the biennial renewal fee shall not be more than thirty dollars (\$30.00). The failure on the part of any intern to effect renewal shall not invalidate his status as an engineer intern or land surveyor intern, but his name shall be removed from the board's mailing list. History: [54-1216, added 1939, ch. 231, sec. 16, p. 516; am. 1953, ch. 162, sec. 1, p. 257; am. 1961, ch. 258, sec. 7, p. 422; am. 1963, ch. 24, sec. 1, p. 166; am. 1970, ch. 95, sec. 3, p. 238; am. 1978, ch. 170, sec. 12, p. 381; am. 1979, ch. 111, sec. 1, p. 355; am. 1984, ch. 254, sec. 3, p. 607; am. 1986, ch. 140, sec. 15, p. 389; am. 1990, ch. 192, sec. 6, p. 430; am. 1996, ch. 357, sec. 13, p. 1197; am. 2000, ch. 289, sec. 11, p. 1001; am. 2001, ch. 247, sec. 6, p. 895; am. 2008, ch. 378, sec. 14, p. 1038; am. 2010, ch. 111, sec. 4, p. 226; am. 2015, ch. 114, sec. 4, p. 295; am. 2020, ch. 127, sec. 3, p. 396]

**54-1218. Public works.** (1) It shall be unlawful for this state, or for any county, city, school district, irrigation district, drainage district, highway district, or other subdivision of the state having power to levy taxes or assessments against property situated therein, to engage in the construction of any public works when the public health or safety is involved unless the plans and specifications and estimates have been prepared by, and the construction reviewed by, a professional engineer.

(2) The provisions of this section shall not apply to public construction, reconstruction, maintenance and repair work that is governed by chapter 12, title 42, Idaho Code; or public work that is insignificant, that is projects of less than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) in total cost, performed by employees of the public agency and performed in accordance with standards for such work that have been certified by a professional engineer and duly adopted by the public agency's governing body including, but not limited to, the Idaho standards for public works construction and any supplements thereto, and only if a professional engineer determines that such public construction, reconstruction, maintenance and repair work does not represent a material risk to public health or safety. History: [54-1218, added 1939, ch. 231, sec. 18, p. 516; am. 1978, ch.

170, sec. 14, p. 383; am. 2008, ch. 378, sec. 15, p. 1039; am. 2013, ch. 289, sec. 1, p. 762; am. 2014, ch. 97, sec. 32, p. 290; am. 2015, ch. 273, sec. 1, p. 1129.]

**54-1219. Comity licensure -- Fee.** The board, upon application therefor and the payment of a fee of not to exceed a maximum of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150), may issue a license as a professional engineer or professional land surveyor to any person who holds a license issued to the applicant by the proper authority of any state, territory or possession of the United States, the District of Columbia, or of a foreign country, provided that, in the opinion of the board, the applicant possesses the education, experience and examination credentials, or their equivalents, that were specified in the applicable licensing chapter in effect in this state at the time such license was issued, provided that a professional land surveyor applicant must successfully pass a land surveying examination as prepared and administered by the board, and provided such state, territory, possession or country will license, without examination and upon substantially the same condition, to applicants holding licenses issued by the board under this chapter. In the event the applicant has been licensed and has practiced as a professional engineer or professional land surveyor in another jurisdiction for a minimum of eight (8) years, has no outstanding disciplinary action, and is in good standing under a licensing system which, in the opinion of the board, maintains substantially equivalent professional standards as required under this chapter, the board may, in its discretion, waive the requirement for satisfaction of prescriptive credentials in education and examination. The board may postpone acting on an application for a license by comity if disciplinary or criminal action related to the applicant's practice has been taken or is pending in any other jurisdiction. History: [54-1219, added 1939, ch. 231, sec. 19, p. 516; am. 1957, ch. 234, sec. 11, p. 547; am. 1961, ch. 258, sec. 8, p. 422; am. 1970, ch. 95, sec. 4, p. 238; am. 1978, ch. 170, sec. 15, p. 384; am. 1984, ch. 254, sec. 4, p. 608; am. 1986, ch. 140, sec. 17, p. 390; am. 1990, ch. 192, sec. 8, p. 431; am. 1996, ch. 357, sec. 15, p. 1199; am. 2003, ch. 15, sec. 3, p. 48; am. 2008, ch. 378, sec. 16, p. 1040; am. 2012, ch. 24, sec. 3, p. 81.]

**54-1220. Disciplinary action -- procedures.** (1) Any affected party may prefer charges of fraud, deceit, gross negligence, incompetence, misconduct or violation of any provision of this chapter, or violation of any of the rules promulgated by the board, against any individual licensee or certificate holder or against any business entity holding a certificate of authorization or against a person applying for a license or against a business entity applying for a certificate of authorization. Repeated acts of negligence may be considered as a gross act for disciplinary action. Such charges shall be in writing and shall be sworn to by the person or persons making them and shall be filed with the executive director of the board. The executive director of the board shall be considered an affected party and may be the person making and filing the charges.

(2) All charges, unless dismissed by the board as unfounded or de minimis, or unless settled informally, shall be heard by the board within six (6) months after the date they were received at the board office unless such time is extended by the board for justifiable cause.

(3) Administrative proceedings shall be governed by the provisions of chapter 52, title 67, Idaho Code.

(4) If, after an administrative hearing, the board votes in favor of sustaining the charges, the board may, in its discretion, impose an administrative penalty, not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for deposit in the general fund of the state of Idaho. In addition, the board, in its discretion, may admonish, reprimand, suspend, revoke, refuse to renew, refuse to grant, or any combination thereof, the individual's license or certificate or a business entity's certificate of authorization. The board may also, in its discretion, require the individual to practice under the supervision of another licensee, or require the individual to successfully complete continuing education courses as may be prescribed by the board.

(5) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (4) of this section, any person who has violated the recordkeeping or continuing professional development requirements imposed by the rules of the board may, in lieu of disciplinary proceedings under this chapter or chapter 52, title 67, Idaho Code, elect to pay the board a penalty in the amount of four hundred dollars (\$400) for a first-time violation. Upon successful completion of the recordkeeping or continuing professional development requirements and payment of the penalty, the violation shall not be considered disciplinary action under the provisions of this section and shall not be reported to any national disciplinary database.

(6) The board shall have jurisdiction over licensees and certificate holders whose licenses and certificates are not current, provided the action relates to services performed when the license was current and valid. History: [54-1220, added 1939, ch. 231, sec. 20, p. 516; am. 1957, ch. 234, sec. 12, p. 547; am. 1963, ch. 25, sec. 1, p. 167; am. 1978, ch. 170, sec. 16, p. 384; am. 1986, ch. 140, sec. 18, p. 391; am. 1991, ch. 21, sec. 1, p. 44; am. 1993, ch. 216, sec. 63, p. 646; am. 1996, ch. 357, sec. 16, p. 1199; am. 2000, ch. 289, sec. 12, p. 1002; am. 2001, ch. 247, sec. 7, p. 896; am. 2004, ch. 84, sec. 4, p. 318; am. 2007, ch. 219, sec. 4, p. 659; am. 2008, ch. 378, sec. 17, p. 1040; am. 2010, ch. 111, sec. 5, p. 227; am. 2013, ch. 339, sec. 2, p. 888; am. 2015, ch. 114, sec. 5, p. 296; am. 2020, ch. 127, sec. 4, p. 396]

**54-1221. Reissuance of licenses and wall certificates.** A new wall certificate to replace any wall certificate revoked, lost, destroyed, or mutilated may be issued upon payment of such reasonable charge therefor as shall be fixed by the board to cover the estimated cost of such reissuance, but not exceeding ten dollars (\$10.00) in any case. History: [54-1221, added 1939, ch. 231, sec. 21, p. 516; am. 1957, ch. 234, sec. 13, p. 547; am. 1963, ch. 26, sec. 1, p. 168; am. 1986, ch. 140, sec. 19, p. 392; am. 2001, ch. 247, sec. 8, p. 897; am. 2008, ch. 378, sec. 18, p. 1041; am. 2013, ch. 339, sec. 3, p. 888; am. 2020, ch. 127, sec. 6, p. 396]

**54-1222. Violations and penalties -- Prosecution of offenses.** Any person who shall practice, or offer to practice, professional engineering or professional land surveying in this state without being licensed in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, or any person presenting or attempting to use as his own the license or the seal of another, or any person who shall give any false or forged evidence of any kind to the board or to any member thereof in obtaining a license or certificate, or any person who shall falsely impersonate any other licensee of like or different name, or any person who shall attempt to use an expired or revoked license or practice at any time during a period the board has suspended or revoked his license, or any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this chapter, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Legal counsel selected by the board, or the attorney general of this state or anyone designated by him may act as legal advisor of the board. It shall be the duty of the attorney general of this state to enforce the provisions of this chapter relating to unlicensed practice and to prosecute any unlicensed person violating the same. The attorney general shall be reimbursed by the board for any fees and expenses incurred by the attorney general in representing the board or prosecuting unlicensed persons. History: [54-1222, added 1939, ch. 231, sec. 22, p. 516; am. 1957, ch. 234, sec. 14, p. 547; am. 1974, ch. 13, sec. 111, p. 138; am. 1978, ch. 170, sec. 17, p. 385; am. 1986, ch. 140, sec. 20, p. 392; am. 2000, ch. 289, sec. 13, p. 1003; am. 2008, ch. 378, sec. 19, p. 1041.]

**54-1223. Saving clause -- Exemptions.** (1) This chapter shall not be construed to affect:

- (a) The practice of any other profession or trade for which a license is required under any law of this state or the United States.



- (b) The work of an employee or a subordinate of a person holding a license under this chapter, provided such work does not include final engineering design or land surveying decisions and is done under the direct responsibility, checking, and supervision of, and verified by, a person holding a license under this chapter.
- (c) Any individual teaching upper division engineering subjects that are classified as engineering design for any college or university in this state as of July 1, 1988, and any such individual employed after July 1, 1988, for a period of five (5) years from the date of employment with any college or university in this state.
- (d) An individual doing surveying work for himself, or through a business entity, on property owned or leased by the individual or business entity, or in which the individual or business entity has an interest, estate or possessory right and which affects exclusively the property or interests of the individual or business entity; provided, that all land surveying maps, plats or plans filed with any county recorder's office in the state of Idaho for the purpose of illustrating or defining boundaries of property ownership, shall be made by a licensed professional land surveyor as provided in this chapter.
- (e) An individual doing survey work for himself, or through a business entity with respect to the location, amendment, or relocation of a mining claim.
- (f) The practice of engineering by employees of a business entity as long as the services provided by them are for internal business entity use only.
- (2) The board, at its discretion, may exempt an exceptional individual who has twelve (12) or more years of appropriate experience in engineering from the requirement for satisfactory completion of an examination in the fundamentals of engineering.
- (3) An applicant for licensure as a professional engineer either by examination or by comity who has earned a bachelor degree in engineering from an approved engineering program and has, in addition, earned a doctorate degree in engineering from a college or university which offers an approved undergraduate program in the same discipline as the doctorate degree earned, shall be exempt from the requirement for satisfactory completion of an examination in the fundamentals of engineering. Honorary doctorate degrees are not considered earned degrees for purposes of this subsection.
- (4) In addition to, and notwithstanding other provisions of this chapter, in circumstances of emergency creating conditions of imminent and substantial danger to the public health, safety or environment through the provision of engineering services, the prosecuting attorney or the attorney general may institute a civil action for an immediate injunction to halt the provision of engineering services.
- (5) A professional engineer licensed in Idaho may review the work of a professional engineer who is licensed in another jurisdiction of the United States or a foreign country on a project that is a site adaptation of a standard design plan to determine that the standard design plan meets the standard of care and is applicable to the intended circumstance, with or without modification. The Idaho professional engineer shall demonstrate responsible charge, as defined in this chapter, by performing professional services related to his assignment including developing or obtaining a complete design record with design criteria and calculations, performing necessary code research and developing any necessary and appropriate changes to the standard design plan necessary to properly apply the standard design to the intended circumstance. The nonprofessional services, such as drafting, need not be redone by the Idaho professional engineer, but must clearly and accurately reflect the Idaho professional engineer's work. The burden is on the Idaho professional engineer to show such compliance. The Idaho professional engineer shall have control of and responsibility for the entire work product, shall seal, sign and date it as required in this chapter, and shall be in possession of all original documents or certified copies of documents related to the professional engineer's work for the project.

(6) In the event a licensee in responsible charge of a project leaves employment, is transferred, is promoted, becomes incapacitated, dies or is otherwise not available to seal, sign and date final documents, the duty of responsible charge of the project shall be accomplished by the successor licensee by becoming familiar with and reviewing, in detail, and retaining the project documents to date. Subsequent work on the project must clearly and accurately reflect the successor licensee's responsible charge. The successor licensee shall seal, sign and date all work product in conformance with section 54-1215, Idaho Code. History: [54-1223, added 1939, ch. 231, sec. 23, p. 516; am. 1957, ch. 234, sec. 15, p. 547; am. 1970, ch. 95, sec. 5, p. 238; am. 1978, ch. 170, sec. 18, p. 386; am. 1984, ch. 254, sec. 5, p. 608; am. 1986, ch. 140, sec. 21, p. 393; am. 1990, ch. 192, sec. 9, p. 432; am. 1994, ch. 356, sec. 1, p. 1116; am. 1996, ch. 357, sec. 17, p. 1200; am. 1999, ch. 273, sec. 2, p. 686; am. 2000, ch. 289, sec. 14, p. 1003; am. 2001, ch. 247, sec. 9, p. 897; am. 2002, ch. 6, sec. 3, p. 9; am. 2006, ch. 137, sec. 1, p. 392; am. 2007, ch. 219, sec. 5, p. 659; am. 2008, ch. 378, sec. 20, p. 1042; am. 2010, ch. 111, sec. 6, p. 228.]

**54-1225. Appeals.** Any person or organization who shall feel aggrieved by any action of the board in denying, suspending or revoking a license or certificate or certificate of authorization, as is appropriate, may appeal therefrom in accordance with the provisions of the administrative procedure act, chapter 52, title 67, Idaho Code. [54-1225, added 1939, ch. 231, sec. 25, p. 516; am. 1957, ch. 234, sec. 16, p. 547; am. 1978, ch. 170, sec. 19, p. 387; am. 2008, ch. 378, sec. 21, p. 1043.]

**54-1226. Separability.** If any provision of this chapter or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the chapter, which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this chapter are declared to be severable. History: [54-1226, added 1939, ch. 231, sec. 26, p. 516; am. 2000, ch. 289, sec. 16, p. 1004.]

**54-1227. Surveys – Authority and Duties of Professional Land Surveyors and Professional Engineers.** (1) Every licensed professional land surveyor is hereby authorized to make land surveys and it shall be the duty of each licensed professional land surveyor, whenever making any professional boundary land survey as defined in section 54-1202, Idaho Code, that is not preliminary in nature, to set permanent and reliable magnetically detectable monuments at all unmonumented corners field-located, the minimum size of which shall be one-half (1/2) inch in least dimension and two (2) feet long iron or steel rod, or a metallic post or pipe one (1) inch in least dimension and two (2) feet long with a minimum wall thickness of nominal one-eighth (1/8) inch, or other more substantial monuments designed specifically for use as a survey monument. Such monuments must be substantially in the ground, stable, and permanently marked with the license number of the professional land surveyor responsible for placing the monument.

(2) Where special circumstances preclude use of such monuments, the professional land surveyor must place an alternate, stable, permanent monument that is magnetically detectable marked with the license number of the professional land surveyor placing the monument.

(3) Where the corner position cannot be monumented due to special circumstances, the professional land surveyor must establish reference monuments or a witness corner and mark them as such.

(4) Any found nonmagnetically detectable monument must be remonumented with a magnetically detectable monument compliant with subsections (1) through (3) of this section.

(5) Professional engineers qualified and duly licensed pursuant to this chapter may also perform those other surveys necessary and incidental to their work. History: [(54-1227) 1903, p. 81, sec. 7; reen. R.C. & C.L., sec. 1408; C.S., sec. 2240; am. 1921, ch. 158, sec. 1, p. 351; I.C.A., sec. 53-2306; am. 1957, ch. 234, sec. 17, p. 547; am. 1978, ch. 170, sec. 20, p. 388; am. 1986, ch.

140, sec. 22, p. 395; am. 1992, ch. 61, sec. 2, p. 194; am. 1996, ch. 357, sec. 19, p. 1202; am. 2008, ch. 378, sec. 22, p. 1043; am. 2011, ch. 136, sec. 11, p. 391; am. 2015, ch. 116, sec. 2, p. 302; am. 2020, ch. 127, sec. 7, p. 396]

**54-1228. Administering and certification of oaths -- authority of professional land surveyors.** Every professional land surveyor is authorized to administer and certify oaths, when it becomes necessary to take testimony to identify or establish old or obliterated corners, or to perpetuate a corner that is in a perishable condition, or whenever the importance of the land survey makes it desirable. A record of such oaths shall be kept as part of the field notes of the land survey. History: [(54-1228) 1903, p. 81, sec. 6; am. R.C., sec. 1409; reen. C.L., sec. 1409; C.S., sec. 2241; am. 1921, ch. 158, sec. 2, p. 351; I.C.A., sec. 53-2307; am. 1957, ch. 234, sec. 18, p. 547; am. 1978, ch. 170, sec. 21, p. 388; am. 1986, ch. 140, sec. 23, p. 395; am. 2008, ch. 378, sec. 23, p. 1044; am. 2013, ch. 339, sec. 4, p. 889.]

**54-1229. Legal survey of land.** No survey of land, or plat or subdivision shall be legal unless made by or under the responsible charge of a professional land surveyor.

All land surveys made under the authority of the state, or of any political subdivision of the state, must be performed by a professional land surveyor. History: [(54-1229) 1903, p. 81, secs. 9, 12; reen. R.C. & C.L., sec. 1410; C.S., sec. 2242; am. 1921, ch. 158, sec. 3, p. 351; I.C.A., sec. 53-2308; am. 1957, ch. 234, sec. 19, p. 547; am. 1978, ch. 170, sec. 22, p. 388; am. 1986, ch. 140, sec. 24, p. 395; am. 1996, ch. 357, sec. 20, p. 1202; am. 1998, ch. 220, sec. 9, p. 761; am. 2000, ch. 289, sec. 17, p. 1004.]

**54-1230. Land surveying -- Right of entry.**

(1) Any person duly licensed by the state of Idaho as a professional land surveyor, including all subordinates subject to the supervision of a licensed surveyor while undertaking land survey activities, and any surveyor or his subordinate employed in the execution of any survey authorized by the congress of the United States may enter upon lands within this state for the purpose of exploring, triangulating, leveling, surveying, and of doing any work that may be necessary to carry out the objects of existing laws relative to surveys, may establish permanent station marks, and may erect the necessary signals and temporary observatories, doing no unnecessary injury thereby.

(2) Nothing in this section shall affect the right of entry established in sections 40-1310 and 40-2301, Idaho Code.

(3) A surveyor or his subordinate shall not enter railroad property pursuant to this section without written permission from the railroad's chief engineering officer or his designee.

(4) The surveyor, or any employee or agent of the land surveyor, may not enter upon land for the purpose of surveying, performing other survey work, or establishing a permanent survey monument without first providing prior notice to the landowner by first class mail or by personal notice. If the land is occupied by a person other than the landowner, prior notice must also be given to the occupant by first class mail or by person notice. Notice that is given by first class mail must be mailed as soon as practicable following the contract or agreement to perform to perform the work and at least seven (7) days prior to the entry onto the land unless the notice period is waived in writing by the landowner, occupant, or an agent thereof. Notice that is given by personal notice must be hand-delivered to the landowner or occupant or, if hand delivery cannot be accomplished, it may be posted in a conspicuous place where the landowner or occupant may reasonably be expected to see the notice. The notice shall give the professional land surveyor's name, address, telephone number, purpose, availability of the survey, and the presence of any temporary or permanent monuments or other markers to be established by the surveyor and left on the land. The surveyor or his agent or employee shall cooperate with the landowner, occupant, or

agent thereof to avoid disruption of a business or agricultural operation. History: [(54-1230) 1919, ch. 31, sec. 1, p. 112; C.S., sec. 2243; I.C.A., sec. 53-2309; am. 1986, ch. 140, sec. 25, p. 395; 2019 ch. 149, p. 498]

**54-1234. Monumentation – Penalty and Liability for Defacing.** If any person shall willfully deface, injure or remove any signal, monument or other object set as a permanent boundary survey marker, benchmark or point set in control surveys by agencies of the United States government or the state of Idaho or set by a professional land surveyor or an agent of the United States government or the state of Idaho, he shall forfeit a sum not exceeding one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) for each offense, and shall be liable for damages sustained by the affected parties in consequence of such defacing, injury or removal, to be recovered in a civil action in any court of competent jurisdiction.

History:

[(54-1234) 1919, ch. 31, sec. 5, p. 112; C.S., sec. 2247; I.C.A., sec. 53-2313; am. 1986, ch. 140, sec. 26, p. 396; am. 2008, ch. 378, sec. 24, p. 1044; am. 2011, ch. 136, sec. 12, p. 391; am. 2015, ch. 48, sec. 5, p. 106.]

[see **18-7016. OBLITERATING AND DEFACING BOUNDARY MONUMENTS.** Every person who either:

1. Maliciously removes any monument erected for the purpose of designating any point in the boundary of any lot or tract of land; or
2. Maliciously defaces or alters the marks upon any such monument; or
3. Maliciously cuts down or removes any tree upon which any such marks have been made for such purpose, with intent to destroy such marks; Is guilty of a misdemeanor.

History:

[18-7016, added 1972, ch. 336, sec. 1, p. 977.]

**54-1235. Practice by a business entity.** (1) The practice of or offer to practice professional engineering or professional land surveying, as defined in this chapter, by professional engineers or professional land surveyors, through a business entity, or by a business entity through professional engineers or professional land surveyors, as employees, or officers, is permitted subject to the provisions of this chapter, provided that all personnel of such business entity, who act in its behalf as professional engineers or professional land surveyors in this state are licensed as provided by this chapter, or are persons lawfully practicing under the exemptions enumerated in this chapter, and further provided that said business entity, except utilities regulated by the Idaho public utilities commission, has been issued a certificate of authorization by the board as provided by this chapter. No business entity shall be relieved of responsibility for the conduct or acts of its employees or officers by reason of its compliance with the provisions of this chapter, nor shall any individual practicing professional engineering or professional land surveying as defined in this chapter, be relieved of responsibility for engineering or land surveying services performed by reason of his employment or relationship with such business entity. All final drawings, specifications, plats, reports, or other engineering or land surveying papers or documents involving the practice of professional engineering or professional land surveying as defined in this chapter, which shall have been prepared or approved for the use of or for delivery to any person or for public record within this state shall be dated and bear the signature and seal of the professional engineer or professional land surveyor who prepared or approved them.

(2) A business entity organized pursuant to this section may provide or offer to provide allied professional services as defined in section 30-21-901, Idaho Code, in connection with the providing of engineering or land surveying services, by persons licensed in allied professions acting as employees or officers, provided such persons are duly licensed or otherwise legally authorized to render such allied professional services within this state.

(3) A business entity desiring a certificate of authorization for engineering, for land surveying, or for both, shall file with the board a description of the engineering or land surveying service to be offered or practiced in the state, an application upon a form to be prescribed by the board and the designation required by the following paragraph, accompanied by the application fee.

(4) Such business entity shall file with the board a designation of an individual or individuals duly licensed to practice professional engineering or professional land surveying in this state who shall be in responsible charge of the practice of professional engineering or land surveying, as applicable, by said business entity in this state. In the event there shall be a change in the individual or individuals in responsible charge, such changes shall be designated in writing and filed with the board within thirty (30) days after the effective date of such change.

If all requirements of this chapter are met, the board shall issue to such business entity a certificate of authorization for professional engineering, for land surveying, or for both; provided, however, the board may refuse to issue a certificate if any facts exist which would entitle the board to suspend or revoke an existing certificate.

A professional engineer or professional land surveyor who renders occasional, part-time or consulting engineering or land surveying services to or for a business entity may not be designated as the person in responsible charge for the professional activities of the business entity.

(5) The secretary of state shall not accept for filing from any person any assumed business name which includes within its name any of the words "engineer," "engineering," "land surveyor," "land surveying," or any modification or derivation thereof, unless the board shall have issued a letter indicating that the person has a licensed professional in responsible charge of the professional activities of the sole proprietorship or business entity. The board may notify the secretary of state, in writing, that it waives any objection to the name if the person is clearly not governed by chapter 12, title 54, Idaho Code. The secretary of state shall not accept for filing the organizational documents of an Idaho business entity, or authorize the transaction of business by any foreign business entity which includes, among objects for which it is established or within its name, any of the words "engineer," "engineering," "land surveyor," "land surveying," or any modification or derivation thereof, unless the board shall have issued for said applicant a certificate of authorization or a letter indicating the eligibility of said applicant to receive such certificate. The board may notify the secretary of state, in writing, that it waives any objection to the name or purpose of any business entity if it is clearly not governed by chapter 12, title 54, Idaho Code. The business entity applying shall include such certificate or letter from the board with any filings submitted to the secretary of state. [54-1235, added 1963, ch. 20, sec. 1, p. 161; am. 1978, ch. 170, sec. 23, p. 389; am. 1979, ch. 176, sec. 1, p. 527; am. 1986, ch. 140, sec. 27, p. 396; am. 1990, ch. 192, sec. 10, p. 433; am. 1996, ch. 357, sec. 21, p. 1203; am. 2001, ch. 247, sec. 10, p. 898; am. 2008, ch. 378, sec. 25, p. 1044; am. 2015, ch. 251, sec. 6, p. 1048.]

**54-1236. Exclusive jurisdiction of the state -- Restriction on requirement for additional licenses or fees.** (1) Only the board of licensure of professional engineers and professional land surveyors of the state of Idaho is authorized and empowered to issue licenses to persons to practice the profession of engineering or land surveying.

(2) No local jurisdiction shall have the authority to require additional licensure or to require payment of any fees in order for any professional engineer or professional land surveyor to engage in the practice of the profession for which the board has issued a license. History: [54-1236, added 2004, ch. 84, sec. 5, p. 319; am. 2008, ch. 378, sec. 26, p. 1046.]

**TITLE 50**  
**MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS**  
**CHAPTER 13**  
**PLATS AND VACATIONS**

**50-1301. Definitions.** The following definitions shall apply to terms used in this section and sections 50-1302 through 50-1334, Idaho Code.

- (1) **Basis of bearing:** The bearing in degrees, minutes and seconds, or equivalent, of a line between two (2) monuments or two (2) monumented corners that serves as the reference bearing for all other lines on the survey;
- (2) **Easement:** A right of use, falling short of ownership, and usually for a certain stated purpose;
- (3) **Functioning street department:** A city department responsible for the maintenance, construction, repair, snow removal, sanding and traffic control of a public highway or public street system which qualifies such department to receive funds from the highway distribution account to local units of government pursuant to section 40-709, Idaho Code;
- (4) **Idaho coordinate system:** That system of coordinates established and designated by chapter 17, title 55, Idaho Code;
- (5) **Land survey:** Measuring the field location of corners that:
  - (a) Determine the boundary or boundaries common to two (2) or more ownerships;
  - (b) Retrace or establish land boundaries;
  - (c) Retrace or establish boundary lines of public roads, streets, alleys or trails; or
  - (d) Plat lands and subdivisions thereof.
- (6) **Monument:** A physical structure or object that occupies the position of a corner;
- (7) **Owner:** The proprietor of the land (having legal title);
- (8) **Plat:** The drawing, map or plan of a subdivision, cemetery, townsite or other tract of land, or a replatting of such, including certifications, descriptions and approvals;
- (9) **Private road:** A road within a subdivision plat that is not dedicated to the public and not a part of a public highway system;
- (10) **Public highway agency:** The state transportation department, any city, county, highway district or other public agency with jurisdiction over public highway systems and public rights-of-way;
- (11) **Public land survey corner:** Any point actually established and monumented in an original survey or resurvey that determines the boundaries of remaining public lands, or public lands patented, represented on an official plat and in the field notes thereof, accepted and approved under authority delegated by congress to the U.S. general land office and the U.S. department of the interior, bureau of land management;
- (12) **Public right-of-way:** Any land dedicated and open to the public and under the jurisdiction of a public highway agency, where the public highway agency has no obligation to construct or maintain said right-of-way for vehicular traffic;
- (13) **Public street:** A road, thoroughfare, alley, highway or bridge under the jurisdiction of a public highway agency;
- (14) **Reference point:** A special monumented point that does not occupy the same geographical position as the corner itself and where the spatial relationship to the corner is known and recorded and that serves to locate the corner;
- (15) **Sanitary restriction:** The requirement that no building or shelter which will require a water supply facility or a sewage disposal facility for people using the premises where such building or shelter is located shall be erected until written approval is first obtained from the director of the department of environmental quality or his delegate approving plans and specifications either for public water and/or sewage facilities, or individual parcel water and/or sewage facilities;

(16) Street: A road, thoroughfare, alley, highway or a right-of-way which may be open for public use but is not part of a public highway system nor under the jurisdiction of a public highway agency;

(17) Subdivision: A tract of land divided into five (5) or more lots, parcels, or sites for the purpose of sale or building development, whether immediate or future; provided that this definition shall not include a bona fide division or partition of agricultural land for agricultural purposes. A bona fide division or partition of agricultural land for agricultural purposes shall mean the division of land into lots, all of which are five (5) acres or larger, and maintained as agricultural lands. Cities or counties may adopt their own definition of subdivision in lieu of this definition;

(18) Witness corner: A monumented point on a lot line or boundary line of a survey, near a corner and established in situations where it is impracticable to occupy or monument the corner.

History: [50-1301, added 1967, ch. 429, sec. 219, p. 1249; am. 1970, ch. 184, sec. 1, p. 533; am. 1971, ch. 329, sec. 1, p. 1294; am. 1988, ch. 175, sec. 1, p. 306; am. 1990, ch. 170, sec. 1, p. 367; am. 1992, ch. 262, sec. 1, p. 778; am. 1994, ch. 364, sec. 4, p. 1141; am. 1997, ch. 190, sec. 1, p. 518; am. 1998, ch. 220, sec. 1, p. 753; am. 1999, ch. 89, sec. 1, p. 290; am. 2010, ch. 256, sec. 1, p. 649; am. 2011, ch. 136, sec. 6, p. 386; am. 2014, ch. 58, sec. 1, p. 139; am. 2017, ch. 86, sec. 1, p. 232.]

**50-1302. Duty to File.** Every owner creating a subdivision, as defined in section 50-1301, Idaho Code, shall cause a land survey and a plat thereof to be made which shall particularly and accurately describe and set forth all the streets, easements, public grounds, blocks, lots, and other essential information, and shall record said plat. This section is not intended to prevent the filing of other survey maps or plats. Description of lots or parcels of land, according to the number and designation on such recorded plat, in conveyances or for the purposes of taxation, shall be deemed good and valid for all intents and purposes. [50-1302, added 1967, ch. 429, sec. 220, p. 1249; am. 1997, ch. 190, sec. 2, p. 519; am. 2011, ch. 136, sec. 7, p. 388.]

**50-1303. Survey -- Monuments -- Accuracy.** The centerline intersections and points where the centerline changes direction on all streets, avenues, and public highways, and all points, witness corners and reference points on the exterior boundary where the boundary line changes direction shall be marked with magnetically detectable monuments the minimum size of which shall be five-eighths (5/8) of an inch in least dimension and two (2) feet long iron or steel rod unless special circumstances preclude use of such monument and all lot and block corners, witness corners and reference points for lot and block corners shall be marked with monuments conforming to the provisions of section 54-1227, Idaho Code. Monuments shall be marked such that measurements between them may be made to the nearest one-tenth (0.1) foot. All lot corners of a burial lot within a platted cemetery need not be marked with a monument, but the block corners shall be monumented in order to permit the accurate identification of each burial lot within the cemetery. The monuments shall conform to the provisions of section 54-1227, Idaho Code. The locations and descriptions of all monuments within a platted cemetery shall be recorded upon the plat, and the courses and distances of all boundary lines shall be shown, but may be shown by legend. The survey for any plat shall be conducted in such a manner as to produce an unadjusted mathematical error of closure of each area bounded by property lines within the survey of not more than one (1) part in five thousand (5,000). [50-1303, added 1967, ch. 429, sec. 221, p. 1249; am. 1997, ch. 190, sec. 3, p. 519; am. 1998, ch. 220, sec. 2, p. 754; am. 2008, ch. 378, sec. 1, p. 1023; am. 2011, ch. 136, sec. 8, p. 388.]

**50-1304. Essentials of plats.** (1) All plats offered for record in any county shall be upon stable base drafting film with a minimum base thickness of 0.003 inches. The image thereon shall be by a photographic process or a process by which a copy is produced using an ink jet or digital scanning

and reproduction machine with black opaque drafting film ink or fused toner that will ensure archival permanence. The copy and image thereon shall be waterproof, tear resistant, flexible, and capable of withstanding repeated handling, as well as providing archival permanence. If ink or toner is used, the surface shall be coated with a suitable substance, if required by the county where the plat is to be recorded, to assure permanent legibility. Plats shall be eighteen (18) inches by twenty-seven (27) inches in size, with a three and one-half (3 1/2) inch margin at the left end for binding and a one-half (1/2) inch margin on all other edges. No part of the drawing or certificates shall encroach upon the margins. Signatures shall be in reproducible black ink. The sheet or sheets which contain the drawing or diagram representing the survey of the subdivision shall be drawn at a scale suitable to ensure the clarity of all lines, bearings and dimensions. In the event that any subdivision is of such magnitude that the drawing or diagram cannot be placed on a single sheet, serially numbered sheets shall be prepared and match lines shall be indicated on the drawing or diagram with appropriate references to other sheets. The required dedications, acknowledgments and certifications shall appear on any of the serially numbered sheets.

(2) The plat shall show: (a) the streets and alleys, with widths and courses clearly shown; (b) each street named; (c) all lots numbered consecutively in each block, and each block lettered or numbered, provided however, in a platted cemetery, that each block, section, district or division and each burial lot shall be designated by number or letter or name; (d) each and all lengths of the boundaries of each lot shall be shown, provided however, in a platted cemetery, that lengths of the boundaries of each burial lot may be shown by appropriate legend; (e) the exterior boundaries shown by distance and bearing; (f) descriptions of survey monuments; (g) point of beginning with ties to at least two (2) public land survey corner monuments in one (1) or more of the sections containing the subdivision, or in lieu of public land survey corner monuments, to two (2) monuments recognized by the county surveyor; and also, if required by the city or county governing bodies, give coordinates based on the Idaho coordinate system; (h) the easements; (i) basis of bearings, bearing and length of lines, graphic scale of plat and north arrow; and (j) subdivision name; and (k) narrative as described in section 55-1906, Idaho Code.

(3) When coordinates in the Idaho coordinate system are shown on a plat, the plat must show the national spatial reference system monuments and their coordinates used as the basis of the survey; the zone; the datum and adjustment; and the combined adjustment factor and the convergence angle and the location where they were computed. History: [50-1304, added 1967, ch. 429, sec. 222, p. 1249, am. 1978, ch. 106, sec. 1, p. 218; am. 1990, ch. 170, sec. 2, p. 368; am. 1997, ch. 190, sec. 4, p. 520; am. 2010, ch. 256, sec. 2, p. 650; am. 2015, ch. 48, sec. 1, p. 101; 2019 ch. 58, p. 147.]

**50-1305. Verification.** The county shall choose and require an Idaho professional land surveyor to check the plat and computations thereon to determine that the requirements herein are met, and said professional land surveyor shall certify such compliance on the plat. Such certification shall not relieve the professional land surveyor who prepared the plat from responsibility for the plat. For performing such service the county shall collect from the subdivider a fee as provided by local ordinance reasonably related to the cost of providing such service. [50-1305, added 1967, ch. 429, sec. 223, p. 1249; am. 1979, ch. 88, sec. 1, p. 214; am. 1989, ch. 102, sec. 1, p. 235; am. 1997, ch. 190, sec. 5, p. 521.]

**50-1306. Extraterritorial effects of subdivision -- Property within the area of city impact -- Rights of city to comment.** All plats situate within an officially designated area of city impact as provided for in section 67-6526, Idaho Code, shall be administered in accordance with the provisions set forth in the adopted city or county zoning and subdivision ordinances having jurisdiction. In the situation where no area of city impact has been officially adopted, the county with jurisdiction shall transmit all proposed plats situate within one (1) mile outside the limits of



any incorporated city which has adopted a comprehensive plan or subdivision ordinance to said city for review and comment at least fourteen (14) days before the first official decision regarding the subdivision is to be made by the county. Items which may be considered by the city include, but are not limited to, continuity of street pattern, street widths, integrity and continuity of utility systems and drainage provisions. The city's subdivision ordinance and/or comprehensive plan shall be used as guidelines for making the comments hereby authorized. The county shall consider all comments submitted by the city. Where the one (1) mile area of impact perimeter of two (2) cities overlaps, both cities shall be notified and allowed to submit comments. [50-1306, added 1967, ch. 429, sec. 224, p. 1249; am. 1979, ch. 88, sec. 2, p. 215; am. 1999, ch. 391, sec. 1, p. 1088.]

**50-1306A. Vacation of plats -- Procedure.** (1) Any person, persons, firm, association, corporation or other legally recognized form of business desiring to vacate a plat or any part thereof must petition the city council if it is located within the boundaries of a city, or the county commissioners if it is located within the unincorporated area of the county. Such petition shall set forth particular circumstances of the requests to vacate; contain a legal description of the platted area or property to be vacated; the names of the persons affected thereby, and said petition shall be filed with the city clerk.

(2) Written notice of public hearing on said petition shall be given, by certified mail with return receipt, at least ten (10) days prior to the date of public hearing to all property owners within three hundred (300) feet of the boundaries of the area described in the petition. Such notice of public hearing shall also be published once a week for two (2) successive weeks in the official newspaper of the city, the last of which shall be not less than seven (7) days prior to the date of said hearing; provided, however, that in a proceeding as to the vacation of all or a portion of a cemetery plat where there has been no interment, or in the case of a cemetery being within three hundred (300) feet of another plat for which a vacation is sought, publication of the notice of hearing shall be the only required notice as to the property owners in the cemetery.

(3) When the procedures set forth herein have been fulfilled, the city council may grant the request to vacate with such restrictions as they deem necessary in the public interest.

(4) When the platted area lies more than one (1) mile beyond the city limits, the procedures set forth herein shall be followed with the county commissioners of the county wherein the property lies. The county commissioners shall have authority, comparable to the city council, to grant the vacation, provided, however, when the platted area lies beyond one (1) mile of the city limits, but adjacent to a platted area within one (1) mile of the city, consent of the city council of the affected city shall be necessary in granting any vacation by the county commissioners.

(5) In the case of easements granted for gas, sewer, water, telephone, cable television, power, drainage, and slope purposes, public notice of intent to vacate is not required. Vacation of these easements shall occur upon the recording of the new or amended plat, provided that all affected easement holders have been notified by certified mail, return receipt requested, of the proposed vacation and have agreed to the same in writing.

(6) When public streets or public rights-of-way are located within the boundary of a highway district, the highway district commissioners shall assume the authority to vacate said public streets and public rights-of-way as provided in section 40-203, Idaho Code.

(7) All publication costs shall be at the expense of the petitioner.

(8) Public highway agencies acquiring real property within a platted subdivision for highway right-of-way purposes shall be exempt from the provisions of this section.

(9) Land exclusive of public right-of-way that has been subdivided and platted in accordance with this chapter need not be vacated in order to be replatted. [50-1306A, as added by 1971, ch. 6, sec. 1, p. 16; am. 1985, ch. 244, sec. 1, p. 575; am. 1989, ch. 247, sec. 1, p. 596; am. 1992, ch. 262, sec. 2, p. 779; am. 1994, ch. 364, sec. 5, p. 1142; am. 1997, ch. 190, sec. 6, p. 521; am. 1998, ch. 220, sec. 3, p. 755; am. 2014, ch. 21, sec. 1, p. 27; am. 2014, ch. 137, sec. 2, p. 374.]

**50-1307. Designation of townsite and addition -- Necessity of distinctiveness -- Limitations on rule.** Plats of towns, subdivisions or additions must not bear the name of any other town or addition in the same county, nor can the same word or words similar or pronounced the same, be used in making a name for said town or addition, except the words city, place, court, addition or similar words, unless the same is contiguous and laid out and platted by the same party or parties platting the addition bearing the same name, or a party files and records the written consent of the party or parties who platted the addition bearing the same name. All plats of the same name must continue the block numbers of the plat previously filed. [50-1307, added 1967, ch. 429, sec. 225, p. 1249.]

**50-1308. Approvals.** (1) If a subdivision is not within the corporate limits of a city, the plat thereof shall be submitted, accepted and approved by the board of commissioners of the county in which the tract is located in the same manner and as herein provided. If the city or county has established a planning commission, then all plats must be submitted to said commission in accordance with provisions of chapter 65, title 67, Idaho Code. No plat of a subdivision requiring city approval shall be accepted for record by the county recorder unless said plat shall have first been submitted to the city and has been accepted and approved and shall have written thereon the acceptance and approval of the said city council and bear the signature of the city engineer and city clerk. No plat of a subdivision shall be accepted for record by the county recorder unless said plat has been certified, within thirty (30) days prior to recording, by the county treasurer of the county in which the tract is located. The county treasurer shall not withhold certification for any reason except for county property taxes due, but not paid, upon the property included in the proposed subdivision.

(2) Plats resulting from the exercise of any right granted under the provisions of sections 50-1314 and 63-210(2), Idaho Code, may be accepted for record and recorded by the county recorder without being certified by the county treasurer and the record of any such plat which has previously been recorded without being certified by the county treasurer shall not be invalid or defective because of not having been so certified by the county treasurer. [50-1308, added 1967, ch. 429, sec. 226, p. 1249; am. 1979, ch. 286, sec. 1, p. 731; am. 1981, ch. 304, sec. 1, p. 626; am. 1981, ch. 317, sec. 1, p. 661; am. 1996, ch. 322, sec. 52, p. 1080; am. 1997, ch. 190, sec. 7, p. 523.]

**50-1309. Certification of plat -- Dedication of streets and alleys -- Dedication of private roads to public -- Jurisdiction over private roads.** 1. The owner or owners of the land included in said plat shall make a certificate containing the correct legal description of the land, with the statement as to their intentions to include the same in the plat, and make a dedication of all public streets and rights-of-way shown on said plat, which certificate shall be acknowledged before an officer duly authorized to take acknowledgments and shall be indorsed on the plat. The professional land surveyor making the survey shall certify the correctness of said plat and he shall place his seal, signature and date on the plat.

2. No dedication or transfer of a private road to the public can be made without the specific approval of the appropriate public highway agency accepting such private road.

3. Highway districts shall not have jurisdiction over private roads designated as such on subdivision plats and shall assume no responsibility for the design, inspection, construction, maintenance and/or repair of private roads. [50-1309, added 1967, ch. 429, sec. 227, p. 1249; am. 1988, ch. 175, sec. 2, p. 307; am. 1989, ch. 102, sec. 2, p. 235; am. 1992, ch. 262, sec. 3, p. 780; am. 1997, ch. 190, sec. 8, p. 523.]

**50-1310. Filing and recording -- Record of plats -- Filing of copy.** (1) All approved plats of subdivisions shall, upon the payment of the required fees, be filed by the county clerk or county

recorder, and such filing with the date thereof shall be endorsed thereon. The plat or opaque copy thereof shall then be bound or filed with other plats of like character in a proper book or file designated as "Records of Plats."

(2) At the time of filing such plat, the owner or his representative shall also file with the county clerk or county recorder one (1) copy thereof. The plat media and copy process shall be as provided in section 50-1304, Idaho Code. The original plat shall be stored for safekeeping in a reproducible condition by the county. It shall be proper for the recorder to maintain for public reference a set of counter maps that are prints of the original maps. The original maps shall be produced for comparison upon demand. Full scale copies thereof shall be made available to the public, at the cost allowed in section 31-3205, Idaho Code, by the county recorder. History: [50-1310, added 1967, ch. 429, sec. 228, p. 1249, am. 1978, ch. 106, sec. 2, p. 219; am. 1993, ch. 343, sec. 1, p. 1282; am. 1997, ch. 190, sec. 9, p. 523; am. 2013, ch. 263, sec. 1, p. 648; am. 2015, ch. 48, sec. 2, p. 102.]

**50-1311. Indexing of plat records.** The said books of "record of plats" shall be provided in the front part thereof with indices, in which shall be duly entered in alphabetical order all maps, plats and diagrams recorded therein, and when so filed, bound and indexed, shall be the legal record of all such maps, plats, diagrams, dedication and other writings. [50-1311, added 1967, ch. 429, sec. 229, p. 1249.]

**50-1312. Effect of acknowledging and recording plat.** The acknowledgment and recording of such plat is equivalent to a deed in fee simple of such portion of the premises platted as is on such plat set apart for public streets or other public use, or as is thereon dedicated to charitable, religious or educational purposes; provided, however, that in a county where a highway district exists and is in operation no such plat shall be accepted for recording by the county recorder unless the acceptance of said plat by the commissioners of the highway district is endorsed thereon in writing. [50-1312, added 1967, ch. 429, sec. 230, p. 1249; am. 1978, ch. 78, sec. 1, p. 153; am. 1992, ch. 262, sec. 4, p. 781.]

**50-1313. Dedication must be accepted.** No street or alley or highway hereafter dedicated by the owner to the public shall be deemed a public street, highway or alley, or be under the use or control of said city or highway district unless the dedication shall be accepted and confirmed by the city council or by the commissioners of the highway district. An acceptance imposes no obligation or liability upon the city council or highway district until the street, highway or alley is declared to be open for public travel. [50-1313, added 1967, ch. 429, sec. 231, p. 1249, am. 1978, ch. 78, sec. 2, p. 153; am. 1992, ch. 55, sec. 2, p. 161.]

**50-1314. Enforcing Execution of Plat – Assessment of Costs.** Whenever the owners of any tract of land have divided and sold or conveyed five (5) or more parts thereof, or invested the public with any right therein, and have failed and neglected to execute and file a plat for record, as provided in sections 50-1301 through 50-1313, Idaho Code, the county recorder, when instructed by the board of county commissioners, shall notify some or all of such owners and proprietors by mail or otherwise, and demand an execution of such plat; if such owners or proprietors, whether notified or not, fail and neglect to execute and file for record said plat within thirty (30) days after the issuance of such notice, the recorder shall cause to be made a plat of such tract and any surveying necessary therefor. Said plat shall be prepared in accordance with requirements in sections 50-1301 through 50-1325, Idaho Code, and in addition, be signed and acknowledged by the recorder, who shall certify that he executed it by reason of the failure of the owners or proprietors named to do so, and filed for record, and, when so filed for record, shall have the same

effect for all purposes as if executed, acknowledged and recorded by the owners or proprietors themselves.

A correct statement of the costs and expenses of such plat, surveying and recording, verified by oath, shall be by the recorder laid before the next session of the county board, who shall allow the same and order the same to be paid out of the county treasury, and who shall, at the same time, assess the same amount pro rata upon all several lots or parcels of said subdivided tract; said assessment may be billed to the property owner and, if not paid as requested, shall be collected with, and in like manner as the property taxes, and shall go to the county current expenses fund; or said board may direct suit to be brought in the name of the county before any court having jurisdiction, to recover from the said original owners or proprietors, said cost and expense of preparing and recording said plat. [50-1314, added 1967, ch. 429, sec. 232, p. 1249; am. 2011, ch. 120, sec. 1, p. 330.]

**50-1315. Existing plats validated.** None of the provisions of sections 50-1301 through 50-1325, Idaho Code, shall be construed to require replatting in any case where plats have been made and recorded in pursuance of any law heretofore in force; and all plats heretofore filed for record and not subsequently vacated are hereby declared valid, notwithstanding irregularities and omissions in manner of form of acknowledgment or certificate. Provided, however:

(1) When plats have been accepted and recorded for a period of five (5) years and said plats include public streets that were never laid out and constructed to the standards of the appropriate public highway agency, said public street may be classified as public right of way; and

(2) Public rights of way for vehicular traffic included in plats which would not conform to current highway standards of the appropriate public highway agency regarding alignments and access locations which, if developed, would result in an unsafe traffic condition, shall be modified or reconfigured in order to meet current standards before access permits to the public right of way are issued. [50-1315, added 1967, ch. 429, sec. 233, p. 1249; am. 1992, ch. 262, sec. 5, p. 781; am. 1993, ch. 412, sec. 9, p. 1514.]

**50-1316. Penalty for selling unplatted lots.** Any person who shall dispose of or offer for sale any lots in any city or county until the plat thereof has been duly acknowledged and recorded, as provided in sections 50-1301 through 50-1325, shall forfeit and pay one hundred dollars (\$100) for each lot and part of a lot sold or disposed of or offered for sale. [50-1316, added 1967, ch. 429, sec. 234, p. 1249.]

**50-1317. Vacation procedure in unincorporated areas and in cities not exercising their corporate functions -- Filing of petition -- Notice of hearing.** Whenever any person, persons, firm, association or corporation interested in any city which if incorporated is not exercising its corporate functions may desire to vacate any lot, tract, private road, common, plot or any part thereof in any such city, it shall be lawful to petition the board of county commissioners of the county where such property is located, setting forth the particular circumstances of the case, and giving a distinct description of the property to be vacated and the names of the persons to be particularly affected thereby; which petition shall be filed with the appropriate county or highway district clerk and notice of the pendency of said petition shall be given for a period of thirty (30) days by written notice thereof, containing a description of the property to be vacated, posted in three (3) public or conspicuous places in said city, and also within the limits of said platted acreage, or in the event such property is located within a county in which there is published a newspaper, as defined by law, such notice shall also be published in such newspaper, once a week for two (2) successive weeks. Provided however, when a public street or public right-of-way is located within the boundary of a highway district or is under the jurisdiction of a county, the respective commissioners of the highway district or board of county commissioners shall assume the

authority to vacate said public street or public right-of-way pursuant to section 40-203, Idaho Code. Land exclusive of public right-of-way that has been subdivided and platted in accordance with this chapter need not be vacated in order to be replatted. [50-1317, added 1967, ch. 429, sec. 235, p. 1249; am. 1992, ch. 262, sec. 6, p. 781; am. 1997, ch. 190, sec. 10, p. 524; am. 1998, ch. 220, sec. 4, p. 756; am. 2014, ch. 137, sec. 3, p. 375.]

**50-1318. In absence of opposition -- Grant of petition -- Restrictions.** If no opposition be made to such petition or application within the said thirty (30) day period, the board of county commissioners shall vacate the same, with such restrictions as they may deem reasonable and for the public good. [50-1318, added 1967, ch. 429, sec. 236, p. 1249.]

**50-1319. In presence of opposition -- Continuance of application -- Hearing -- When petition granted.** If opposition be made thereto, such application shall be heard by the appropriate board of county commissioners or highway district commissioners at a time fixed by said board, at which time, if the objector shall consent to said vacation, or if the petitioner shall produce to the board of county commissioners the petition of two-thirds (2/3) of the property holders of lawful age in said town, or owning two-thirds (2/3) of the tracts in such platted and subdivided acreage, the said board of county commissioners may proceed to hear and determine upon said application, and may if in their opinion justice requires it, grant the prayer of the petitioner, in whole or in part. [50-1319, added 1967, ch. 429, sec. 237, p. 1249; am. 1992, ch. 262, sec. 7, p. 782.]

**50-1320. Vesting of title on vacation.** The part so vacated, if it be a lot or tract, shall vest in the rightful owner, who may have the title thereof according to law; or if a public square or common, the property may vest in the proper county, or if in a city, the property shall vest in the council for the use of such city, and the proper authorities may sell the same, and make a title to the purchaser thereof, and appropriate the proceeds thereof for the benefit of said corporation or county, as the case may be; or if the same be a street, all right and title thereto shall be distributed in accordance with section 50-311. [50-1320, added 1967, ch. 429, sec. 238, p. 1249.]

**50-1321. Necessity for consent of adjoining owners -- Acknowledgment and filing of consent -- Limitation on rule -- Prerequisites to order of vacation.** No vacation of a public street, public right-of-way or any part thereof having been duly accepted and recorded as part of a plat or subdivided tract shall take place unless the consent of the adjoining owners be obtained in writing and delivered to the public highway agency having jurisdiction over said public street or public right-of-way. Such public street or public right-of-way may, nevertheless, be vacated without such consent of the owners of the property abutting upon such public street or public right of way when such public street or public right-of-way has not been opened or used by the public for a period of five (5) years and when such nonconsenting owner or owners have access to the property from some other public street, public right-of-way or private road. However, before such order of vacation can be entered, it must appear to the satisfaction of the public highway agency that the owner or owners of the property abutting said public street or public right-of-way have been served with notice of the proposed abandonment in the same manner and for the same time as is now or may hereafter be provided for the service of the summons in an action at law. Any vacation of lands within one (1) mile of a city shall require written notification to the city by regular mail at least thirty (30) days prior to the vacation. [50-1321, added 1967, ch. 429, sec. 239, p. 1249; am. 1992, ch. 262, sec. 8, p. 782; am. 2014, ch. 21, sec. 2, p. 28; am. 2015, ch. 244, sec. 31, p. 1024.]

**50-1322. Appeal from order granting or denying application to vacate.** Whenever the governing body shall grant the application, or refuse the application of any person or persons,

made as provided for the vacation of any lot, tract, street, common, plat or any part thereof, an appeal may be taken from any act, order or proceeding of the board made or had pursuant to by any person aggrieved thereby within twenty (20) days after the first publication or posting of the statement as required by section 31-819, Idaho Code. Procedure upon such appeal shall be in all respects the same as prescribed in sections 31-1510, 31-1511 and 31-1515, Idaho Code. [50-1322, added 1967, ch. 429, sec. 240, p. 1249.]

**50-1323. Limitation of actions to establish adverse rights or question validity of vacation.**

Every action brought to establish adverse rights or interests in the affected property or to determine the invalidity of any action by which any lot, tract, street, common, plat or any part thereof has been vacated must be brought within six (6) months after the effective date of this act or within six (6) months after a certified copy of the ordinance, resolution or order of vacation has been filed for record in the office of the county recorder of the county in which the affected property is located. Any person, firm or corporation having any objection thereto may bring such action. [50-1323, added 1967, ch. 429, sec. 241, p. 1249.]

**50-1324. Recording vacations.** (1) Before a vacation of a plat can be recorded, the county treasurer must certify that all taxes due are paid and such certification is recorded as part of the records of the vacation. The treasurer shall withhold the certification only when property taxes are due, but not paid.

(2) Upon payment of the appropriate fee therefor, the county recorder of each county shall index and record, in the same manner as other instruments affecting the title to real property, a certified copy of each ordinance, resolution or order by which any lot, tract, public street, public right of way, private road, easement, common, plat or any part thereof has been vacated. Such certification shall be by the officer having custody of the original document and shall certify that the copy is a full, true and correct copy of the original. [50-1324, added 1967, ch. 429, sec. 242, p. 1249; am. 1992, ch. 262, sec. 9, p. 783; am. 1994, ch. 79, sec. 1, p. 181.]

**50-1325. Easements -- Vacation of.** Easements shall be vacated in the same manner as streets. [50-1325, added 1967, ch. 429, sec. 243, p. 1249.]

**50-1326. All plats to bear a sanitary restriction -- Submission of plans and specifications of water and sewage systems to state department of environmental quality -- Removal or reimposition of sanitary restriction.** For the purposes of sections 50-1326 through 50-1329, Idaho Code, any plat of a subdivision filed in accordance with chapter 13, title 50, Idaho Code, or in accordance with county ordinances adopted pursuant to chapter 38, title 31, Idaho Code, shall be subject to the sanitary restriction. There shall be placed upon the face of every plat prior to it being recorded by the county clerk and recorder, the sanitary restriction, except such sanitary restriction may be omitted from the plat, or if it appears on the plat, may be indorsed by the county clerk and recorder as sanitary restriction satisfied, when there is recorded at the time of the filing of the plat, or at any time subsequent thereto, a duly acknowledged certificate of approval issued by the director of the department of environmental quality, for either public water and/or public sewer facilities, or individual water and/or sewage facilities for the particular land. The owner shall have the obligation of submitting to the director all information necessary concerning the proposed facilities referred to. Such certificate of approval may be issued for the subdivision or any portion thereof. Until the sanitary restrictions have been satisfied by the filing of said certificate of approval, no owner shall construct any building or shelter on said premises which necessitates the supplying of water or sewage facilities for persons using such premises. The sanitary restrictions shall be reimposed on the plat upon the issuance of a certificate of disapproval after notice to the responsible party and an opportunity to appeal, if construction is not in compliance with approved

plans and specifications, or the facilities do not substantially comply with regulatory standards in effect at the time of facility construction. [50-1326, as added by 1971, ch. 329, sec. 2, p. 1294; am. 1989, ch. 233, sec. 1, p. 569; am. 2001, ch. 103, sec. 90, p. 331.]

**50-1327. Filing or recording of noncomplying map or plat prohibited.** No person shall offer for recording, or cause to be recorded, a plat not containing a sanitary restriction, unless there is submitted for record at the same time the certificate of approval from the director of the department of environmental quality as required in section 50-1326, Idaho Code. The filing and recording of a noncomplying plat shall in no way invalidate a title conveyed thereunder. [50-1327, as added by 1971, ch. 329, sec. 3, p. 1294; am. 1989, ch. 102, sec. 3, p. 236; am. 1989, ch. 233, sec. 2, p. 570; am. 2001, ch. 103, sec. 91, p. 332.]

**50-1328. Rules for the administration and enforcement of sanitary restriction.** The state board of environmental quality may adopt rules pursuant to section 39-107(8), Idaho Code, including adoption of sanitary standards necessary for administration and enforcement, pursuant to section 39-108, Idaho Code, of sections 50-1326 through 50-1329, Idaho Code. The rules and standards shall provide the basis for approving subdivision plats for various types of water and sewage facilities, both public and individual, and may be related to size of lots, contour of land, porosity of soil, ground water level, pollution of water, type of construction of water and sewage facilities, and other factors for the protection of the public health or the environment. [50-1328, as added by 1971, ch. 329, sec. 4, p. 1294; am. 1989, ch. 233, sec. 3, p. 570; am. 2001, ch. 103, sec. 92, p. 332.]

**50-1329. Violation a misdemeanor.** Any person, firm or corporation who constructs, or causes to be constructed, a building or shelter prior to the satisfaction of the sanitary restriction, or who installs or causes to be installed water and sewer facilities thereon prior to the issuance of a certificate of approval by the director of the department of environmental quality, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Each and every day that such activities are carried on in violation of this section shall constitute a separate and distinct offense. [50-1329, as added by 1971, ch. 329, sec. 5, p. 1294; am. 1989, ch. 233, sec. 4, p. 571; am. 2001, ch. 103, sec. 93, p. 332.]

**50-1330. Jurisdiction of public streets and public rights of way within a highway district.** In a county with highway districts, the highway district board of commissioners in such district shall have exclusive general supervisory authority over all public streets and public rights of way under their jurisdiction within their district, excluding public streets and public rights of way located inside of an incorporated city that has a functioning street department, with full power to establish design standards, establish use standards and regulations in accordance with the provisions of title 49, Idaho Code, accept, create, open, widen, extend, relocate, realign, control access to or vacate said public streets and public rights of way. Provided, however, when said public street or public right of way lies within one (1) mile of a city, or the established county/city impact area or adjacent to a platted area within one (1) mile of a city or the established county/city impact area, consent of the city council of the affected city shall be necessary prior to the granting of acceptance or vacation of said public street or public right of way by the highway district board of commissioners. [50-1330, added 1983, ch. 233, sec. 1, p. 637; am. 1992, ch. 262, sec. 10, p. 783.]

**50-1331. Setting of interior monuments for a subdivision.** Interior monuments for a subdivision need not be set prior to the recording of the plat of the subdivision if the land surveyor performing the survey work certifies that the interior monuments will be set on or before a specified date as provided in subsection (1) of section 50-1333, Idaho Code, and if the person subdividing the land furnishes to the governing body of the county or city which approved the

subdivision, a bond or cash deposit guaranteeing the payment of the cost of setting the interior monuments for the subdivision, as provided in section 50-1332, Idaho Code. [50-1331, added 1987, ch. 227, sec. 1, p. 482.]

**50-1332. Setting interior monuments after recording of plat -- Bond or cash deposit required -- Release of bond -- Return of cash deposit -- Payment for survey work -- County surveyor performing survey work.** (1) If the interior monuments for a subdivision are to be set on or before a specified date after the recording of the plat of the subdivision, the person subdividing the land described in the plat shall furnish, prior to recording the plat, to the governing body of the city or county which approved the plat, either a bond or cash deposit, at the option of the governing body, in an amount equal to one hundred twenty percent (120%) of the estimated cost of performing the work for the interior monumentation. The estimated cost of performing such work will be determined by the professional land surveyor signing the plat.

(2) If the person subdividing the land described in subsection (1) of this section pays the professional land surveyor for performing the interior monumentation work and notifies the governing body of such payment, the governing body, within two (2) months after such notice, shall release the bond or return the cash deposit upon a finding that such payment has been made. Upon written request from the person subdividing the land, the governing body may pay the professional land surveyor from moneys within a cash deposit or bond held by it for such purpose and return the excess amount of the cash deposit, if any, to such person.

(3) In the event of the inability, refusal or failure of such professional land surveyor to set the interior monuments for a subdivision, the governing body may direct the county surveyor in his official capacity or contract with a professional land surveyor in private practice to set such monuments and reference such monuments for recording as provided in section 50-1333, Idaho Code. Payment of the fees of a county surveyor or professional land surveyor in private practice performing such work shall be made as otherwise provided in this section. In the event the professional land surveyor signing the plat performed his services pursuant to a contract between the person subdividing the land and a business entity possessing a certificate of authorization, as required in this chapter, and the professional land surveyor is unable, refuses or fails to set the interior monuments for a subdivision, a substitute professional land surveyor employed by the same business entity may assume responsible charge for the remainder of the project and set the monuments, as provided in this chapter, and the governing body shall not direct the county surveyor or contract with a professional land surveyor in private practice to set such monuments.

(4) In the event any interior monument cannot be placed at the location shown on the plat, the professional land surveyor shall place a witness corner or reference point and he shall file a record of survey as provided in chapter 19, title 55, Idaho Code, to show the location of any witness corner or reference point in relation to the platted location of the corner. In the event the professional land surveyor signing the plat does not set the interior monuments for a subdivision, the substitute professional land surveyor shall file a record of survey as provided in chapter 19, title 55, Idaho Code, to show which monuments were set by which professional land surveyor. [50-1332, added 1987, ch. 227, sec. 1, p. 482; am. 1997, ch. 190, sec. 11, p. 525; am. 1998, ch. 220, sec. 5, p. 757; am. 2011, ch. 136, sec. 9, p. 388; am. 2012, ch. 25, sec. 1, p. 82.]

**50-1333. Recording of plats with only exterior monuments referenced.** (1) If the person subdividing any land has complied with subsection (1) of section 50-1332, Idaho Code, the professional land surveyor may prepare the plat of the subdivision for recording with only the exterior monuments set thereon when submitted for recording. There shall be a certification on the plat by the professional land surveyor that the interior monuments for the subdivision will be set in accordance with section 50-1303, Idaho Code, on or before a specified date and the said interior monuments will be referenced on the plat with a unique symbol. The time for setting the interior



monuments shall not exceed one (1) calendar year from the date the plat is recorded or as determined by the governing body of such city or county.

(2) After the interior monuments for a subdivision have been set as provided in the certification required on the plat in subsection (1) of this section, the professional land surveyor performing such work shall, within five (5) days after completion of such work, give written notice to the person subdividing the land involved, the surveyor or engineer of the city or county by which the subdivision was approved and the governing body of such city or county.

(3) In the event that the person subdividing the land involved fails or refuses to authorize the payment for interior monumentation, the professional land surveyor may request payment from the governing body, and upon inspection by the governing body of the interior monumentation, the governing body shall pay the professional land surveyor from moneys held. [50-1333, added 1987, ch. 227, sec. 1, p. 483; am. 1997, ch. 190, sec. 12, p. 525.]

**50-1334. Review of water systems encompassed by plats.** Whenever any plat is subject to the terms and requirements of sections 50-1326 through 50-1329, Idaho Code, no person shall offer for recording, or cause to be recorded, a plat unless he or she shall have certified that at least one (1) of the following is the case:

(1) The individual lots described in the plat will not be served by any water system common to one (1) or more of the lots, but will be served by individual wells.

(2) All of the lots in the plat will be eligible to receive water service from an existing water system, be the water system municipal, a water district, a public utility subject to the regulation of the Idaho public utilities commission, or a mutual or nonprofit water company, and the existing water distribution system has agreed in writing to serve all of the lots in the subdivision.

(3) If a new water system will come into being to serve the subdivision, that it has or will have sufficient contributed capital to allow the water system's wells, springboxes, reservoirs and mains to be constructed to provide service without further connection charges or fees to the landowners of the lots, except for connection of laterals, meters or other plant exclusively for the lot owner's own use.

Failure to comply with this section is a misdemeanor subject to the provisions of section 50-1329, Idaho Code. The certification must be filed or recorded as part of the plat document preserved for public inspection. Property owners in the area encompassed by the plat will be entitled to the benefits of the third provision of this section when that option is chosen. [50-1334, added 1990, ch. 178, sec. 1, p. 377.]

**TITLE 55**  
**PROPERTY IN GENERAL**  
**CHAPTER 15**  
**CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY ACT**

**55-1501. Short Title.** This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Condominium Property Act." [55-1501, added 1965, ch. 225, sec. 1, p. 515.]

**55-1502. Purpose – Public policy.** Whereas, the availability of more adequate financing for construction, land development and improvement, and business expansion is beneficial and advantageous to the development of the state of Idaho and in the public interest, and, whereas, the condominium estate is a concept of holding property, which concept should be clarified in the state of Idaho to permit and facilitate the construction and development of condominiums and condominium projects, together with the financing of the same;

Now, therefore, the condominium estate in property is hereby declared to be a lawful estate in property and consistent with the public policy of the state of Idaho. [55-1502, added 1965, ch. 225, sec. 2, p. 515.]

**55-1503. Definitions.** As used in this act unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) "Condominium" means an estate in property as defined in section 55-101B, Idaho Code, as amended.

(b) "Project" means the entirety of the property divided or to be divided into condominiums.

(c) "Property" means the land described in the declaration recorded pursuant to section 55-1505, together with every building, improvement or structure thereon, and every easement or right appurtenant thereto, and all personal property intended for use in connection therewith or for the use, benefit or enjoyment of the condominium owners.

(d) "Unit" means the separate interest in a condominium.

(e) "Common area" means the entire project excepting all units.

(f) "Management body" means any person or persons managing a project, and includes the condominium owners acting themselves, a corporation or association of which the owners are members or stockholders, a board of governors or directors elected by the owners, or a management agent selected by the owners, by the corporation or association, or by the board, or named in the declaration.

(g) "Limited common areas" mean those common areas and facilities designated in the declaration for use of a certain condominium owner or owners to the exclusion, limitation or restriction of others.

(h) "Person" means any individual or any corporation, joint venture, limited partnership, partnership, firm, association, trustee or other similar entity or organization. [55-1503, added 1965, ch. 225, sec. 3, p. 515.]

**55-1504. Requirements to qualify.** The requirements of this act shall apply to condominiums only (a) if there shall be recorded in the county in which such condominiums are located or to be located a declaration, as provided in this act, together with a plat or plats, and (b) if said documents, or either of them, contain an expression of intent to create a project which is subject to the provisions of this act, and (c) if at least one (1) of such documents contains:

(i) a plat or survey map of the surface of the ground included within the project,

(ii) diagrammatic floor plans of the building or buildings built or to be built thereon in sufficient detail to identify each unit, its relative location and approximate dimensions, showing elevations where multi-level or multi-story structures are diagramed, and

(iii) a certificate consenting to the recordation of such documents pursuant to this act, executed and acknowledged by the record owner and the holder of any recorded security interest in such property. A condominium project is created if there has been substantial compliance in good faith with the provisions of this section.

The declaration and the plat or plats may, prior to the first sale of a condominium, be amended or revoked by a subsequently recorded instrument executed and acknowledged by the then record owner and the then holder of any recorded security interest in such property. Until such recordation of such a revocation, the provisions of this act shall continue to apply to such property. The term "record owner" as used in this section means the owner or owners of the property; or, in the case of property held under a recorded lease, the lessee; or, in the case of property held under a recorded sublease of such a lease, the sublessee; or, in the case of property held under a recorded assignment of such a lease or such a sublease, the assignee, but does not include holders or owners of unrecorded interests, or mineral interests, of easements or of rights of way. [55-1504, added 1965, ch. 225, sec. 4, p. 515.]

**55-1505. Contents of declaration.** (1) The declaration shall contain the following:

- (a) A legal description of the surface of the ground within the project.
- (b) A legal description of each unit in the project, which description may consist of the identifying number, symbol or name of such unit as shown on the plat.
- (c) The percentage of ownership interest in the common area which is to be allocated to each unit for purposes of tax assessment under section [55-1514](#), Idaho Code, and for purposes of liability as provided by section [55-1515](#), Idaho Code. Such percentage shall be fixed either by taking as a basis the value of each unit in relation to the value of the property as a whole or by taking as a basis the square footage of the interior floor area of each unit in relation to the square footage of the interior floor area of all the units as a whole. For said purposes, the percentage so fixed shall be conclusive, subject only to clear and convincing proof of bad faith at the time of and in the making of such allocation or the last prior amendment thereof. If a substantial change is made to the value or size, depending upon the method used for allocation, of one (1) or more units as compared with other units, upon petition by a unit owner for reevaluation and allocation of percentage of ownership interest, the allocation shall be amended. Reallocation shall not occur more frequently than every five (5) years and, if square footage is used in determining the percentage of ownership interest, only if a substantial change is made to the size of at least one (1) unit. If the board of managers fails to act, reallocation may be accomplished by court action. If court action is necessary the prevailing party may be awarded attorney's fees and costs for unreasonable pursuit or refusal.

(2) The declaration may but need not also contain any of the following:

- (a) A description of the buildings in the project, stating the number of stories and basements, the number of units and the principal materials of which they are or are to be constructed.
- (b) A statement of the location of each unit, its approximate area, number of rooms, and immediate common area to which it has access, and any other data for its proper identification.
- (c) A description of the common areas and facilities.
- (d) A description of any limited common areas and facilities, if any, stating to which units their use is reserved or the terms of applicable restrictions or limitations.
- (e) The value of the property and of each unit.
- (f) A statement of the purposes for which the building and each of the units are intended and restricted as to use.

(g) Provisions as to the percentage of votes by the condominium owners which shall be determinative of whether to rebuild, repair, restore, or sell the property in the event of damage, taking, or destruction of all or part of the property.

(h) Any or all of the provisions hereinafter referred to in section [55-1507](#), Idaho Code, as proper provisions of bylaws.

(i) Provisions for the management of the project by any management body or bodies; for the voting majorities, quorums, notices, meeting dates, and other rules governing such body or bodies; and for recordation, from time to time, as provided for in the declaration, of certificates of identity of the persons then composing such management body or bodies, which certificates shall be conclusive evidence of the facts recited therein in favor of any person relying thereon in good faith.

(j) As to any management body:

(1) For the powers thereof, including power to enforce the provisions of the declaration;

(2) For maintenance by it of fire, casualty, liability, worker's compensation and other insurance and for bonding of the members of any management body;

(3) For provision by it of and payment by it for maintenance, utility, gardening and other services; for employment of personnel necessary for operation of the project, and legal and accounting services;

(4) For purchase by it of materials, supplies and the like and for maintenance and repair of the project;

(5) For payment by it of taxes and special assessments which would be a lien upon the entire project or common areas, and for discharge by it of any lien or encumbrance levies against the entire project or common areas;

(6) For payment by it for reconstruction of any portion or portions of the project damaged, taken or destroyed;

(7) For delegation by it of its powers;

(8) For entry by it or its agents into any unit when necessary in connection with any maintenance or construction for which the management body is responsible;

(9) For an irrevocable power of attorney to the management body to sell and convey the entire project for the benefit of all of the owners thereof when partition of the project may be had under section [55-1511](#), Idaho Code, which power shall: (i) be binding upon all of the owners, whether they expressly assume the obligations of the declaration or not; (ii) if so provided in the declaration, be exercisable by less than all, but not less than fifty percent (50%), of the voting power of the owners in the project; (iii) be exercisable only after recordation of a certificate by those who have the right to exercise such power of attorney that such power of attorney is properly exercisable under the declaration, which certificate shall be conclusive evidence of the facts recited therein in favor of any person relying thereon in good faith.

(k) Provisions for amendments of such declaration or the bylaws, if any, which amendments, if made upon the vote or consent of more than fifty percent (50%) of the voting power of the owners in the project, shall be binding upon every owner and every condominium whether the burdens thereon are increased or decreased thereby, and whether or not the owner of each and every condominium consents thereto.

(l) Provisions for independent audit of the accounts of any management body.

(m) (1) Provisions for assessments to meet authorized expenditures of any management body, and for a method for notice and levy thereof, each condominium to be assessed separately for its share of such expenses in proportion, unless otherwise provided, to its owner's fractional interest in the common areas;

(2) For the subordination of the liens securing such assessments to other liens either generally or specifically described.

(n) Provisions for the conditions upon which partition of the project may be had pursuant to this act. Such right to partition may be conditioned upon failure of the condominium owners to elect to rebuild within a certain period, specified inadequacy of insurance proceeds, specified damage to the building, a decision of an arbitrator, or upon any other condition.

(o) Provisions for restrictions upon the severability of the component interests in the property which comprise a condominium. Such restrictions shall not be deemed conditions repugnant to the interest created nor unlawful restraints on alienation.

(p) Such document, agreement or writing pertinent to the project or its financing as may be attached to, incorporated in or made an exhibit to the declaration and/or any bylaws.

(q) Such other provisions not inconsistent with this act as the owner or owners may deem desirable in order to promote, facilitate or preserve the property or the project or the use, development or administration thereof.

(3) Subsection (2) of this section shall not be construed as a limitation upon permissible contents and provisions of a declaration. History: [55-1505, added 1965, ch. 225, sec. 5, p. 515; am. 2002, ch. 78, sec. 1, p. 175; am. 2013, ch. 192, sec. 1, p. 473.]

**55-1506. Administration – By-Laws – Articles of incorporation – Recordation of incorporation – Recordation required to modify or amend.** Except when a domestic corporation has been formed and is designated in the declaration to serve as a management body and to administer the project, the administration of every project shall be governed by by-laws, which may either be embodied in the declaration or in a separate instrument which shall be recorded with the declaration. When a domestic corporation is so formed and designated the owner or owners shall append to and record with the declaration a certified copy of its articles of incorporation from which it must appear (a) that the purpose for which such corporation was formed and its powers are consistent with the provisions of this act and (b) that the members or stockholders of the corporation must be and remain owners of condominiums within the said project and include all owners of condominiums within the project. When a corporate organization is so utilized, the administration of the project need not be governed by by-law provisions hereinafter set forth but shall be subject to the law of corporations. No modification or amendment of the declaration, of such articles or of recorded by-laws shall be effective until the same is recorded in the county where the original document was first recorded. [55-1506, added 1965, ch. 225, sec. 6, p. 515.]

**55-1507. Contents of Bylaws.** The bylaws referred to in section 55-1506, Idaho Code, when required, shall provide for at least the following:

(a) The election from among the unit owners of a board of managers, the number of persons constituting such board, and that the terms of at least one third (1/3) of the members of the board shall expire annually; the powers and duties of the board; the compensation, if any, of the members of the board; the method of removal from office of members of the board; and whether or not the board may engage the services of a manager or managing agent.

(b) Method of calling meetings of the unit owners; what percentage of the unit owners, if other than a majority, shall constitute a quorum.

(c) Election of a president from among the board of managers, who shall preside over the meetings of the board of managers and of the unit owners.

(d) Election of a secretary, who shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the board of managers and of the unit owners and who shall, in general, perform all the duties incident to the office of secretary.

(e) Election of a treasurer, who shall keep the financial records and books of account.

(f) Maintenance, repair and replacement of the common elements and payments therefor, including the method of approving payment vouchers.

(g) Method of estimating the amount of the annual budget, and the manner of assessing and collecting from the unit owners their respective shares of such estimated expenses, and of any other expenses lawfully agreed upon.

(h) That after notice received by the manager or board of managers and within five (5) business days thereafter, any unit owner shall be furnished a statement of his account setting forth the amount of any unpaid assessments or other charges due and owing from such owner and other amounts set forth in section 55-1528, Idaho Code.

(i) Designation and removal of personnel necessary for the maintenance, repair and replacement of the common elements.

(j) Such restrictions on and requirements respecting the use and maintenance of the units and the use of the common elements, not set forth in the declaration, as are designed to prevent unreasonable interference with the use of their respective units and of the common elements by the several unit owners.

(k) Method of adopting and of amending administrative rules and regulations governing the operation and use of the common elements.

(l) The percentage of votes required to modify or amend the bylaws, but each one of the particulars set forth in this section shall always be embodied in the bylaws. [55-1507, added 1965, ch. 225, sec. 7, p. 515.]

**55-1508. Recordation of instruments affecting project.** The declaration, plat or plats, deeds, by-laws, administrative provisions, articles of incorporation as provided in section 55-1506[, Idaho Code], any instrument by which the provisions of this act may be waived, and every instrument affecting the project or any condominium, and any amendment or amendments to such documents, shall be entitled to be recorded by the county recorder in the county or counties where the project is located, and such official shall accept the same for recordation when requested to do so. [55-1508, added 1965, ch. 225, sec. 8, p. 515.]

**55-1509. Grant – Physical boundaries of units – Incidents excluded – Common areas – Decorating rights of owner.** Unless otherwise expressly provided in the declaration, deeds, plat or plats, the incidents of a condominium grant are as follows:

(a) The physical boundaries of the unit are the interior surfaces of the perimeter walls, floors, ceilings, windows and doors thereof, and the unit includes both the portions of the building so described and the airspace so encompassed. The following are not part of the unit: bearing walls, columns, floors, roofs, foundations, elevator equipment and shafts, central heating, central refrigeration and central air-conditioning equipment, reservoirs, tanks, pumps and other central services, pipes, ducts, flues, chutes, conduits, wires and other utility installations, wherever located, except the outlets thereof when located within the unit. In interpreting the declaration, plat or plats, and deeds, the existing physical boundaries of the unit as originally constructed or as reconstructed in lieu thereof shall be conclusively presumed to be its boundaries rather than the metes and bounds expressed or depicted in the declaration, plat or plats, or deed, regardless of settling or lateral movement of the building and regardless of minor variance between boundaries shown in the declaration, plat or plats, or deed, and the actual boundaries of units in the building.

(b) The common areas are owned by the owners of the condominiums as their interests appear and are set forth in the declaration pursuant to section 55-1505(1)(c)[, Idaho Code].

(c) A nonexclusive right of ingress, egress and support through the common areas is appurtenant to each unit and the common areas are subject to such rights.

(d) Each condominium owner shall have the exclusive right to paint, repaint, tile, wax, paper or otherwise maintain, refinish, and decorate the inner surfaces of the walls, ceilings, floors,

windows and doors bounding his own unit, and the interior thereof. [55-1509, added 1965, ch. 225, sec. 9, p. 515.]

**55-1510. Removal of property from law – Common ownership -- Resubmission.** Unless otherwise provided in the declaration, a project may be removed from the provisions of this act by a vote or written consent of the condominium owners owning at least a two-thirds (2/3) interest in the common areas as percentages of interest are allocated pursuant to section 55-1505(1)(c)[, Idaho Code], and by filing for record in the county where the project is located a written instrument signed and acknowledged by such owners wherein it is stated that such described project is so withdrawn, provided, holders of all liens affecting any of the units or the common must consent or agree thereto in writing by recorded written instrument in which event their liens shall be deemed forthwith, and without change of seniority, transferred (a) to the former condominium owner's undivided interest in the property as hereinafter provided if such lien was upon a condominium, and (b) upon the entire property if the lien was specifically upon the common areas or the project as a whole and not upon any particular condominium or condominiums; provided further, however, nothing herein contained shall be construed to restrict the right to limit, prohibit or make other provisions respecting withdrawal from this act by provision in the declaration.

Upon such removal under this section the property shall be deemed to be owned in common and each former condominium owner shall have an exclusive right to the occupancy of what formerly was his unit. Removal of a project from the provisions of this act shall in no way bar the subsequent resubmission of the property to the provisions of this act. [55-1510, added 1965, ch. 225, sec. 10, p. 515.]

**55-1511. Partition -- Sale.** (a) Where two (2) or more persons own condominiums in a project an action may be brought by one (1) or more of such persons for the partition of the interests comprising the project, as if the owners of all of the condominiums in such project were tenants in common in the entire project in the proportion provided for in the declaration, deeds, or plat or plats entered into with respect to such project, or, in the absence of such provision, in the same proportion as their interests in the common areas of such project; provided, however, that a partition shall be made only upon the showing that:

(1) Three (3) years after the damage to, or destruction or taking of, a material part of the project which renders the project unfit for the use to which it was put prior to such damage, destruction or taking, the project has not been rebuilt, repaired or replaced in a manner which substantially permits such use of the project, or

(2) Three-fourths (3/4) or more of the project has been destroyed, taken, or substantially damaged, and that persons entitled to cast fifty per cent (50%) of the votes to determine whether or not the project shall be repaired, restored or replaced are opposed to such repair, restoration or replacement, or

(3) More than fifty (50) years have elapsed since the first conveyance of a condominium in the project, and that the project is uneconomic or otherwise obsolete, and that persons entitled to cast fifty per cent (50%) of the votes to determine whether or not the project shall be repaired, restored or replaced are opposed to such repair, restoration or replacement, or

(4) That conditions for such a partition provided for in the deed, declaration, plat or plats entered into with respect to such project have been met, whether such conditions be more or less restrictive than the conditions set forth in this section.

(b) The entire project or a part thereof may be sold if it appears that a physical partition cannot be made without prejudice to the respective rights of the persons' interests therein.

(c) Nothing herein shall be deemed to prevent partition of a condominium as between two (2) or more persons having interests therein. [55-1511, added 1965, ch. 225, sec. 11, p. 515.]

**55-1512. Actions relating to common areas – Persons designated to receive process – New designation filed – Services on auditor – Copy from auditor to management body – Application of corporate law.** Except when a domestic corporation has been formed and designated in the declaration to serve as the management body to administer the project, at the time the declaration is recorded one (1) or more persons shall be designated to receive service of process in any action relating to the common areas and facilities. Such designation shall be filed with the county auditor in the county in which the project is located together with an acknowledgment in writing of acceptance of such designation by the person so designated. The person so designated shall be a resident of the state of Idaho, and service upon such person shall be the exclusive method of service in any action relating to the common areas and facilities. Upon termination of such person's capacity or authority to receive service, a new designation shall be made by the management body of the project, and such designation shall be filed with the county auditor in the county in which the project is located together with an acknowledgment in writing of acceptance of such designation by the person so designated. Upon failure to so designate a person to receive service of process and to file such designation and acceptance of such designation, service may be made upon the county auditor with like effect as though said service were made upon a person designated, and it shall be the duty of the county auditor to forward a copy of such summons served on him by registered mail to the management body of the project at the address or location last known, but no failure on the part of the county auditor to mail such copy of summons shall affect the validity of the service thereof. When a corporate organization is formed and designated as the management body, service of process on the corporation shall be as permitted by law, and the Idaho rules of civil procedure. [55-1512, added 1965, ch. 225, sec. 12, p. 515; am. 2005, ch. 110, sec. 1, p. 362.]

**55-1513. Actions by management on behalf of two or more owners.** Without limiting the rights of any condominium owner, actions may be brought by the management body on behalf of two (2) or more of the condominium owners with respect to any cause of action relating to the common areas or more than one (1) unit. [55-1513, added 1965, ch. 225, sec. 13, p. 515.]

**55-1514. Separate taxation – Lien – Tax deed.** Notwithstanding any contrary or inconsistent provision of the Idaho Code or of this act, property taxes, assessments, special assessments, and all special taxes or charges of the state of Idaho or of any political subdivision thereof, or other lawful taxing or assessing body, which are authorized by law to be assessed against or levied upon real or personal property shall be assessed against and levied upon each condominium and not upon the group of condominiums as a whole, and such tax, assessment or charge on each such condominium shall constitute a lien solely thereon.

A person acquiring or entitled to the issuance of a tax deed conveying the interest of any condominium owner, shall acquire only an interest subject to such provisions of this act as may be applicable, and subject to all lawful terms, provisions, covenants, conditions, and limitations which may apply thereto and appear in any recorded declaration, plat, deed or by-laws then in force and affecting such interest. [55-1514, added 1965, ch. 225, sec. 14, p. 515.]

**55-1515. Owners proportionately liable for common areas – Remaining balance not prejudiced by settlement -- Indemnification.** Each condominium owner's liability for claims, judgments or awards arising out of or in connection with the ownership, use, operation or management of the common areas, is limited to a proportionate sum which equals the amount of any such claim, judgment or award multiplied by the percentage interest in the common areas allocated to such ownership by the declaration as provided in section 55-1505(1)(c). In any suit to establish liability for claims, judgments or awards arising out of or in connection with the



ownership, use, operation or management of the common areas there shall be introduced no evidence as to the percentage interest in the common area of any condominium owner until and unless such fact becomes material and liability is fixed by judgment or agreed upon in writing signed by all affected parties to the litigation and filed with the court. Any condominium owner may compromise or settle his portion of any such claim without prejudice to the remaining balance thereof and without the same constituting evidence or an admission for or against any such claimant.

The provisions of this section shall not alter or affect the respective rights and obligations of condominium owners to or between one another to the extent that one or more may have any legal right arising from contract, statute, or the common law to be wholly or partially indemnified by one or more other persons who are likewise owners of condominiums within the same said project. [55-1515, added 1965, ch. 225, sec. 15, p. 515.]

**55-1516. Liability of unit owners, tenants, employees – Duties and powers of owners.** All condominium owners, tenants of such owners, employees of owners and tenants, or any other persons that may in any manner use property or any part thereof submitted to the provisions of this act shall be subject to this act and to the declaration and by-laws of the project adopted pursuant to the provisions of this act.

All agreements, decisions and determinations lawfully made by the management body shall be deemed to be binding on all condominium owners and shall inure to the benefit of all such owners.

Each condominium owner and any group of owners shall have standing and authority, unless otherwise provided, to enforce the provisions of the declaration and any recorded by-laws of the project. [55-1516, added 1965, ch. 225, sec. 16, p. 515.]

**55-1517. Insurance of individual units by management body.** The management body, if required by the declaration, by-laws or otherwise, or at the request of a mortgagee or a beneficiary of a deed of trust having a first mortgage or first deed of trust of record covering a unit or any part of the project, shall have the authority and an insurable interest to insure the project or any portion thereof against loss or damage by fire or other hazard or casualty. Such insurance coverage may be written in the name of the management body, as trustee for each of the condominium owners in the percentages established in the declaration or as otherwise provided in the declaration or provided by the management body, and premiums may be treated as common expenses. Provision for such insurance shall be without prejudice to the right of each condominium owner to insure his own unit for his own benefit. This provision shall not be construed to limit the power of such body to secure and maintain other insurance coverage or to treat the cost thereof as a common expense. [55-1517, added 1965, ch. 225, sec. 17, p. 515.]

**55-1518. Assessment and other charges a lien – Notice recorded – Payment and release – Priority of liens – Expiration – Extension – Enforcement by sale – Purchase by management body.** An assessment upon any condominium made in accordance with the declaration, any recorded by-laws, or any duly promulgated project regulation, shall be a debt of the owner thereof at the time the assessment is made. The amount of any such assessment, together with those other charges thereon, such as interest, costs (including attorney's fees), and penalties, which may be provided for in the declaration, shall be and become a lien upon the condominium assessed when the management body causes to be recorded with the county recorder of the county in which such condominium is located a notice of assessment, which shall state the amount of such assessment and such other charges thereon as may be authorized by the declaration, a description of the condominium against which the same has been assessed, and the name of the record owner thereof. Such notice shall be signed by an authorized representative of the management body or as

otherwise provided in the declaration. Upon payment of said assessment and charges in connection with which such notice has been so recorded, or other satisfaction thereof, the management body shall cause to be recorded a further notice stating the satisfaction and the release of the lien thereof.

Such lien shall be prior to all other liens filed or recorded subsequent to the recordation of said notice of assessment except that the declaration may provide for the subordination thereof to other liens either generally or specifically described and except further that labor or materialmen's liens arising under the law of Idaho and timely and duly filed shall have priority if the date fixed by statute for such lien to arise is prior to recording as provided in this section. Unless sooner satisfied and released or the enforcement thereof initiated as hereafter provided such lien shall expire and be of no further force or effect one (1) year from the date of recordation of said notice of assessment; provided, however, that said one-year period may be extended by the management body for not to exceed one (1) additional year by recording a written extension thereof.

Such lien may be enforced by sale by the management body, its attorney or other person authorized to make the sale, after failure of the owner to pay such an assessment in accordance with its terms, such sale to be conducted in the manner permitted by law for the exercise of powers of sale in deeds of trust or any other manner permitted by law. Unless otherwise provided in the declaration the management body shall have the power to purchase the condominium at foreclosure sale and to hold, lease, encumber and convey the same. [55-1518, added 1965, ch. 225, sec. 18, p. 515.]

**55-1519. Liens for labor, services or materials – Express consent – Emergency repairs – Proportionate payment for removal of lien.** No labor performed or services or materials furnished with the consent of or at the request of a condominium owner or his agent or his contractor or subcontractor shall be the basis for the filing of a lien against the condominium of any other condominium owner, or against any part thereof, or against any other property of any other condominium owner, unless such other owner has expressly consented to or requested the performance of such labor or furnishing of such materials or services. Such express consent shall be deemed to have been given by the owner of any condominium in the case of emergency repairs thereto. Labor performed or services or materials furnished for the project, if duly authorized by the management body, shall be deemed to be performed or furnished with the express consent of each condominium owner. The owner of any condominium may remove his condominium from a lien against two (2) or more condominiums or any part thereof by payment to the holder of the lien of the fraction of the total sum secured by such lien which is attributable to his condominium. [55-1519, added 1965, ch. 225, sec. 19, p. 515.]

**55-1520. Personal property acquired, held and disposed of by management body – Beneficial interest proportionate – Transfer.** Unless otherwise provided for in a declaration recorded pursuant to section 55-1505, a management body may acquire and hold, for the benefit of the condominium owners, tangible and intangible personal property and may dispose of the same by sale or otherwise; the beneficial interest in such personal property shall be owned by the condominium owners in the same proportion as their respective interests in the common areas, and shall not be transferable by such owners except with a transfer of a condominium. A transfer of a condominium shall transfer to the transferee ownership of the transferor's beneficial interest in such personal property. [55-1520, added 1965, ch. 225, sec. 20, p. 515.]

**55-1521. Liberal construction of deeds, declarations or plans for condominium projects.** Any deed, declaration or plan for a condominium project shall be liberally construed to facilitate the operation of the project, and provisions thereof shall be presumed to be independent and severable. [55-1521, added 1965, ch. 225, sec. 21, p. 515.]

**55-1522. Rule against perpetuities and unreasonable restraints on alienation inapplicable.** It is expressly provided that the rule of property known as the rule against perpetuities and the rule of property known as the rule restricting unreasonable restraints on alienation shall not be applied to defeat any of the provisions of this act or any condition, conveyance or inheritance consistent herewith. [55-1522, added 1965, ch. 225, sec. 22, p. 515.]

**55-1523. Refusal to approve project or record plat forbidden.** No city council, board of trustees, or other governing body of the county, town, village or city in which a project is created pursuant to this act shall have the right to refuse acceptance or approval of nor may any county refuse for recordation a plat or plats prepared pursuant to this act solely because a project is or condominiums are thereby created. [55-1523, added 1965, ch. 225, sec. 23, p. 515.]

**55-1524. Application of local zoning ordinances.** Unless a contrary intent is clearly expressed in local zoning ordinances, such ordinances shall be construed to treat like structures, lots, or parcels in like manner regardless of whether the ownership thereof is divided by sale of condominiums created in a project pursuant to this act, rather than by the lease or other disposition of such structures, lots or parcels on any part or parts thereof. [55-1524, added 1965, ch. 225, sec. 24, p. 515.]

**55-1525. "Blue sky law" inapplicable.** The provisions of title 26, chapter 18, Idaho Code, shall not apply to the creation, issuance, sale, offer for sale, solicitation of an offer to buy, conveyance, transfer, or other disposition, or encumbrance or other hypothecation, or management, of condominiums or projects created pursuant to this act, or of evidences of membership in or ownership of or stock in any entity created solely to manage the affairs of a project, or to the negotiation or taking of subscriptions in respect of any of the foregoing. [55-1525, added 1965, ch. 225, sec. 25, p. 515.]

**55-1526. Legal description that designated on plat or in declaration.** Every deed, contract of sale, lease, mortgage or other instrument may legally describe a condominium by its identifying number, symbol, name or other identification or designation as shown on the plat of record or as shown in the declaration, and every such description shall be deemed good and sufficient for all purposes. [55-1526, added 1965, ch. 225, sec. 26, p. 515.]

**55-1527. Zoning laws applied where not inconsistent.** Except where inconsistent with the provisions or purposes of this act, state and local laws relating to plats, recording, subdivisions or zoning shall apply to condominiums and to projects as herein defined. [55-1527, added 1965, ch. 225, sec. 27, p. 515.]

**55-1528. Statement of Account—Disclosure of Fees.** (1) A management body or its agent shall provide a unit owner and owner's agent, if any, a statement of the unit owner's account not more than five (5) business days after receipt of a request by the unit owner or the unit owner's agent received by the management body, the management body's manager, president, board member, or other agent or any combination thereof. The statement of account shall include, at a minimum, the amount of annual charges against the unit, the date when said amounts are due, and any unpaid assessments or other charges due and owing from such owner at the time of the request. The management body shall be bound by the amounts set forth within such statement of account.

(2) On or before January 1 of each year, a management body or its agent shall provide unit owners a disclosure of fees that will be charged to a unit owner in connection with any transfer of ownership of a unit. Fees imposed by a management body for the calendar year following the disclosure of fees shall not exceed the amount set forth on the annual disclosure, and no surcharge

or additional fees shall be charged to any unit owner in connection with any transfer of ownership of the unit. No fees may be charged for expeditiously providing a unit owner's statement of account as set forth in this section. [55-1528, added 2018, ch. 205, p. 458]

**TITLE 55**  
**PROPERTY IN GENERAL**  
**CHAPTER 16**  
**CORNER PERPETUATION AND FILING**

**55-1601. Short title.** This chapter may be cited as the "Corner Perpetuation and Filing Law." [55-1601, added 1967, ch. 215, sec. 1, p. 647; am. 1993, ch. 206, sec. 1, p. 564.]

**55-1602. Declaration of policy.** It is the purpose of this chapter to protect and perpetuate public land survey corners and information concerning the location of such corners by requiring the systematic establishment of monuments and filing of information concerning the marking of the location of such public land survey corners and to allow the systematic location of other property corners, thereby providing for property security and a coherent system of property location and identification; and thereby eliminating the repeated necessity for reestablishment and relocations of such corners once they are established and located. [55-1602, added 1967, ch. 215, sec. 2, p. 647; am. 1993, ch. 206, sec. 2, p. 564.]

**55-1603. Definitions.** Except where the context indicates a different meaning, terms used in this chapter shall be defined as follows:

(1) "Accessory to a corner" means any exclusively identifiable physical object whose spatial relationship to the corner is recorded. Accessories may be bearing trees, bearing objects, monuments, reference points, line trees, pits, mounds, charcoal-filled bottles, steel or wooden stakes, or other objects.

(2) "Benchmark" means a material object, natural or artificial, whose elevation is referenced to an adopted datum.

(3) "Board" means the board of licensure of professional engineers and professional land surveyors.

(4) "Control survey" means a survey that provides horizontal or vertical position data for the support or control of subordinate surveys or for mapping.

(5) "Corner," unless otherwise defined, means a property corner, or a property controlling corner, or a public land survey corner, or any combination of these.

(6) "Establish" means to determine the position of a corner either physically or mathematically.

(7) "Monument" means a physical structure that occupies the exact position of a corner.

(8) "Professional land surveyor" means any person who is authorized by the laws of this state to practice land surveying.

(9) "Property controlling corner" for a property means a public land survey corner, property corner, reference point or witness corner that controls the location of one (1) or more of the property corners of the property in question.

(10) "Property corner" means a geographic point on the surface of the earth, and is on, a part of, and controls a property line.

(11) "Public land survey corner" means any point actually established and monumented in an original survey or resurvey that determines the boundaries of remaining public lands, or public lands patented, represented on an official plat and in the field notes thereof, accepted and approved under authority delegated by congress to the U.S. general land office (GLO) and the U.S. department of interior, bureau of land management. This excludes GLO-surveyed townsite lot corners, except those marking exterior angle points or block corners within the townsite.

(12) "Reference point" means a special monumented point that does not occupy the same geographical position as the corner itself, and where the spatial relationship to the corner is recorded, and which serves to locate the corner.

(13) "Witness corner" means a monumented point on a lot line or boundary line of a survey, near a corner, and established in situations where it is impracticable to occupy or monument the corner. [55-1603, added 1967, ch. 215, sec. 3, p. 647; am. 1993, ch. 206, sec. 3, p. 565; am. 1997, ch. 190, sec. 13, p. 526; am. 2008, ch. 378, sec. 27, p. 1046; am. 2011, ch. 136, sec. 13, p. 391; am. 2020, ch. 127, sec. 11, p. 396]

**55-1604. Filing requirements.** A professional land surveyor shall complete, sign, and file with the county clerk and recorder of the county where the corner is situated, a written record of the establishment, reestablishment, or rehabilitation of a corner monument and its accessories. This record shall be known as a "corner record" and such a filing shall be made for every public land survey corner, center one-quarter (1/4) corner, and accessory to such corner which is established, reestablished, monumented, remonumented, rehabilitated, perpetuated or used as control in any survey. The survey information shall be filed within ninety (90) days after the survey is completed, unless the corner and its accessories are substantially as described in an existing corner record filed in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

In lieu of filing as heretofore provided, corner records may be recorded electronically in those counties that have such facilities. [55-1604, added 1967, ch. 215, sec. 4, p. 647; am. 1972, ch. 162, sec. 1, p. 363; am. 1993, ch. 206, sec. 4, p. 565; am. 2020, ch. 127, sec. 12, p. 396]

**55-1605. Filing or Recording.** A professional land surveyor may file or record any corner record as to any property controlling corner or accessory to a corner. [55-1605, added 1967, ch. 215, sec. 5, p. 647; am. 1972, ch. 162, sec. 2, p. 363; am. 1993, ch. 206, sec. 5, p. 566; am. 2011, ch. 136, sec. 14, p. 392.]

**55-1606. Filing or recording information.** The board shall, by regulation, provide and prescribe the information which shall be necessary to be included in the corner record and the board shall prescribe the form in which such corner record shall be presented and filed or recorded. [55-1606, added 1967, ch. 215, sec. 6, p. 647; am. 1972, ch. 162, sec. 3, p. 363.]

**55-1607. County clerk to keep record -- Fees.** (a) The county clerk and recorder of the county containing the corner shall receive the completed corner record and preserve it in the same manner as any other recorded instruments. Proper indexes shall be kept of such corner records by section, township and range.

(b) The county clerk and recorder shall make these records available for public inspection during all usual office hours.

(c) For purposes of determining the filing fee hereunder, the corner record shall be considered as a similar service to the filing or recording of instruments as provided in section 31-3205, Idaho Code. [55-1607, added 1967, ch. 215, sec. 7, p. 647; am. 1972, ch. 162, sec. 4, p. 363; am. 1993, ch. 206, sec. 6, p. 566; am. 1997, ch. 190, sec. 14, p. 527; am. 2020, ch. 127, sec. 13, p. 396]

**55-1608. Professional Land Surveyor to Establish or Rehabilitate Monuments.** (1) In every case where a corner record of a survey corner is required to be filed or recorded under the provisions of this chapter, the professional land surveyor must rehabilitate or remonument any corner in accordance with subsection (2) of this section. Where the corner position is monumented with a stable, permanent, substantial, accessible, magnetically detectable, and uniquely identifiable monument, a new monument will not be required. The professional land surveyor must also recover, establish, or rehabilitate a minimum of three (3) accessories to such corner where practicable. Where the professional land surveyor determines accessories are impracticable, an explanation shall be included on the corner record.

(2) Any monument set shall conform to the provisions of section 54-1227, Idaho Code, and shall be surmounted with a cap of such material and size that can be permanently and legibly marked as prescribed by the manual of surveying instructions issued by the United States department of the interior, bureau of land management, including the license number of the professional land surveyor responsible for placing the monument. Monuments shall be marked such that measurements between them may be made to the nearest one-tenth (0.1) foot. If the monument is set by a public officer, it shall be marked by an appropriate official designation. Where it is impracticable to monument a corner due to situations beyond the professional land surveyor's control, reference points or witness corner shall be recovered or established. The professional land surveyor must also document the reason the monument cannot be set, the method of establishing the corner location, and the presence of any found or set reference point or witness corner on his corner record and record of survey or plat.

(3) Where closing corners that are not on or controlling for the line closed upon were set in any government survey authorized by the congress of the United States and the true point of intersection of the pertinent lines is controlling in a survey, resurvey, or subdivision of a section, the true point of intersection shall be monumented with a monument conforming to subsection (2) of this section. Any professional land surveyor establishing such a monument shall prepare and file a corner record for the true point of intersection monument, including any evidence related to and the pedigree of the original closing corner. If found, the original closing corner monument position must be remonumented as an amended monument in accordance with subsection (2) of this section. [55-1608, added 1967, ch. 215, sec. 8, p. 647; am. 1972, ch. 162, sec. 5, p. 363, am. 1978, ch. 107, sec. 2, p. 224; am. 1993, ch. 206, sec. 7, p. 566; am. 2008, ch. 378, sec. 28, p. 1047; am. 2011, ch. 136, sec. 15, p. 392; am. 2020, ch. 127, sec. 14, p. 396]

**55-1609. To be signed by professional land surveyor or government agent.** No corner record shall be filed or recorded unless the same is signed by a professional land surveyor as defined herein, or, in the case of an agency of the United States government, the certificate may be signed by the survey party chief making the survey. [55-1609, added 1967, ch. 215, sec. 9, p. 647; am. 1972, ch. 162, sec. 6, p. 363; am. 1993, ch. 206, sec. 8, p. 567.]

**55-1611. Federal government filings without fees.** All federal government surveys performed by authorized personnel of agencies of the federal government shall not be subject to the provisions of this chapter, except that federal agencies may comply with the provisions of the chapter, and shall be exempt from filing fees required in section 55-1607(c), Idaho Code. [55-1611, added 1967, ch. 215, sec. 11, p. 647; am. 1993, ch. 206, sec. 10, p. 567.]

**55-1612. Penalty.** Professional land surveyors failing to comply with the provisions hereof shall be deemed to be within the purview of section 54-1220, Idaho Code, and shall be subject to disciplinary action as in said section provided. [55-1612, added 1967, ch. 215, sec. 12, p. 647; am. 1989, ch. 103, sec. 1, p. 236; am. 1993, ch. 206, sec. 11, p. 567; am. 1997, ch. 190, sec. 15, p. 528; am. 2008, ch. 378, sec. 29, p. 1047.]

**55-1613. Monuments Disturbed by Construction Activities -- Procedure -- Requirements.** The physical existence and location of the monuments of property controlling corners and accessories to corners, as well as benchmarks established and points set in control surveys by agencies of the United States government or the state of Idaho, shall be determined by a field search and location survey conducted by or under the direction of a professional land surveyor prior to the time when project construction or related activities may disturb them. Construction documents or plans prepared by professional engineers shall show the existence and location of all such monuments, accessories to corners, benchmarks and points set in control

surveys. All monuments, accessories to corners, benchmarks and points set in control surveys that are lost or disturbed by construction shall be reestablished and remonumented, at the expense of the agency or person causing their loss or disturbance, at their original location or by the setting of a witness corner or reference point or a replacement benchmark or control point, by or under the direction of a professional land surveyor. Professional engineers who prepare construction documents or plans that do not indicate the existence and location of all such monuments, accessories to corners and benchmarks and points set in control surveys by agencies of the United States government or the state of Idaho shall be deemed to be within the purview of and subject to disciplinary action as provided in section 54-1220, Idaho Code. [55-1613, added 1978, ch. 107, sec. 3, p. 224; am. 1993, ch. 206, sec. 12, p. 567; am. 1997, ch. 190, sec. 16, p. 528; am. 2008, ch. 378, sec. 30, p. 1047; am. 2011, ch. 136, sec. 16, p. 393.]



**TITLE 55**  
**PROPERTY IN GENERAL**  
**CHAPTER 17**  
**COORDINATE SYSTEM OF LAND DESCRIPTION**

**55-1701. DEFINITIONS.** The following definitions shall apply to terms used in this chapter:

- (1) "Board" means the Idaho board of licensure of professional engineers and professional land surveyors.
- (2) "Idaho plane coordinate system" or "IPCS" means the system, and any successor system, of map projections specific to the state of Idaho maintained by NGS.
- (3) "Idaho transverse mercator" or "IDTM" means the statewide mapping projection, and any successor system, specific to the state of Idaho maintained by the NGS.
- (4) "Identifying information" means the datum, adjustment, epoch, coordinate system, zone, and unit of a plane coordinate system.
- (5) "National geodetic survey" or "NGS" means the federal agency, and any successor agency, that defines and manages the NSRS.
- (6) "National spatial reference system" or "NSRS" means the consistent coordinate system, and any successor system, defining latitude, longitude, height, scale, gravity, orientation, and shoreline throughout the United States.
- (7) "State plane coordinate system" or "SPCS" means the nationwide system, and any successor system, of map projections maintained by NGS. [55-1701, added 1967, ch. 275, sec. 1, p. 771; am. 1995, ch. 70, sec. 1, p. 179; am. 2010, ch. 256, sec. 3, p. 651; repealed 2021, ch. 174, sec. 2, p. 484; added 2021, ch. 174, sec. 3, p. 484.]

**55-1702. IDAHO PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM.** . (1) The board shall, by rule, provide and prescribe the information that defines the currently accepted system of plane coordinates of the IPCS.

- (2) The most recent system of plane coordinates that has been established by the NGS based on the NSRS, adopted by the board, and designated as the SPCS for defining and stating the positions or locations of points within the state of Idaho shall be known as the "Idaho plane coordinate system."
- (3) Coordinates established or determined under previously defined systems may be used, provided identifying information is included in the document containing the coordinates.
- (4) Coordinates derived by transformation from a prior system of plane coordinates shall be qualified as such in the document containing the coordinates. Such document shall also provide:
  - (a) Identifying information of the prior system and the system translated to, together with a statement of the method of translation;
  - (b) The type of transformation and parameters used and identifying information of the system translated to; or
  - (c) Other metadata sufficient to translate coordinates between the original and destination systems.[55-1702, added 1967, ch. 275, sec. 2, p. 771; am. 1995, ch. 70, sec. 2, p. 179; am. 2010, ch. 256, sec. 4, p. 652; repealed 2021, ch. 174, sec. 4, p. 484; added 2021, ch. 174, sec. 5, p. 484.]

**55-1703. Plane Coordinates.** (1) The plane coordinates to be used in expressing the position or location of a point in the appropriate zone of the IPCS shall consist of two (2) distances expressed in the units of measure used by the NGS at the time the SPCS is published. The east x-coordinate shall give the distance east of the y-axis, and the north y-coordinate shall give the

distance north of the x-axis. The y-axis of any zone shall be parallel with the central meridian of that zone. The x-axis of any zone shall be at right angles to the central meridian of that zone.

(2) The coordinates described in subsection (1) of this section shall be made to depend upon and conform to the most recent system of plane coordinates, known as the SPCS and based upon the NSRS as maintained and provided by the NGS or its successors, provided such system has been adopted by administrative rule by the board. [55-1703, added 1967, ch. 275, sec. 3, p. 771; am. 1995, ch. 70, sec. 3, p. 180; am. 2010, ch. 256, sec. 5, p. 652; repealed 2021, ch. 174, sec. 6, p. 484; added 2021, ch. 174, sec. 7, p. 485.]

**55-1704. Zone Naming and Documents Reporting Coordinates Within Multiple Zones.** Any document containign coordinates of the IPCS will include, at a minimum, the datum, adjustment, epoch, and some names as defined by the NGS. When any document reports coordinates of points that lie within multiple coordinate zones, the coordinates of all points shall refer to one (1) of the zones which shall be named in the document. [55-1704, added 1967, ch. 275, sec. 4, p. 771; am. 2010, ch. 256, sec. 6, p. 652; am. 2021, ch. 174, p 485.]

**55-1705. Stated or Implied Accuracy.** The accuracy of coordinates shall be as stated in the document containing the coordinates. The expression of coordinates to decimals of the units used may not be construed as a statement of expected accuracy or reliability, unless so stated in the document containing the coordinates. Statements of accuracy must be defined as relative, absolute, or both.. [55-1705, added 1967, ch. 275, sec. 5, p. 771; am. 1995, ch. 70, sec. 4, p. 180; am. 2010, ch. 256, sec. 7, p. 653; repealed 2021, ch. 174, sec. 9, p. 485; added 2021, ch. 174, sec. 10, p. 485.]

**55-1706. Geodetic Coordinates.** The official geodetic datums to which geodetic coordinates, including but not limited to latitude, longitude, ellipsoid height or orthometric height, are referenced within the state of Idaho shall be those defined by the NGS. [added 2021, ch. 174, sec. 11, p. 485.]

**55-1707. Nonauthoritative Plane or Geographic Coordinates.** The provisions of this chapter shall not be construed to prohibit the appropriate use of coordinates from nonauthoritative sources or coordinates based on alternative datums and geodetic reference networks. However, such coordinates shall be clearly identified as nonauthoritative or alternative to the IPCS and documented in such a way so as not to be confused with coordinates of the IPCS. Nonauthoritative and alternative coordinates shall not be used to define regulatory boundaries or rights in real property. The board may adopt rules to define appropriate use of such coordinates. [added 2021, ch. 174, sec. 12, p. 485-486.]

**55-1708. Supplemental Coordinate Descriptions.** (1) Whenever coordinates based on the IPCS are used to describe any boundary or right in real property, which in the same document or another document of record is also described by reference to any subdivision, line, or corner of the United States public land surveys or the lines or corners of a recorded subdivision, the description by coordinates shall be construed as supplemental to the basic description of such subdivision, line, or corner contained in the official plats and field notes of the United States public land surveys filed of record or in a recorded subdivision plat. In the event of any conflict, a description by reference to the subdivisions, lines, or corners of the United States public land surveys or lines and corners of a recorded subdivision shall prevail over any description by coordinates, unless said coordinates are upheld by adjudication, in which case the coordinate description shall prevail.

(2) Every recorded map, survey, plat, conveyance, or other instrument affecting title to or rights in real property that delineates, describes, or refers to such property or any part thereof by reference to coordinates based upon the IPCS shall also describe the property by reference and tie to public land survey corners as defined in section 55-1603(11), Idaho Code, unless such property is within a recorded subdivision, in which case the property may be described by reference and tie to lines and corners within such subdivision.. [55-1708, added 1967, ch. 275, sec. 8, p. 771; am. 1995, ch. 70, sec. 7, p. 182; am. 2010, ch. 256, sec. 10, p. 654; repealed 2021, ch. 174, sec. 13, p. 486; added 2021, ch. 174, sec. 14, p. 486.]

**55-1709. Description by Coordinate Not Mandatory.** Nothing contained in this chapter shall require any leasee, purchaser, or mortgagee of real property or any right in real property to rely wholly on a land description, any part of which depends exclusively upon coordinates of the IPCS. [55-1709, added 1967, ch. 275, sec. 9, p. 771; am. 1995, ch. 70, sec. 8, p. 183; am. 2021, ch. 174, sec. 15, p. 486.]

**55-1710. Modified Coordinates.** Coordinates within the IPCS that have been modified for any purpose or coordinates within non-IPCS systems shall have:

(1) The qualifier "MODIFIED" added to the datum, adjustment, epoch, and zone reference. The document containing the coordinates shall include any datum adjustment, scale, elevation, or combined factors applied together with the origin of scale application and any other transformation parameters applied; or

(2) A label or description displayed in a manner that clearly shows the coordinates were not obtained through the IPCS. [added 2021, ch. 174, sec. 16, p. 486]

**TITLE 55**  
**PROPERTY IN GENERAL**  
**CHAPTER 19**  
**RECORDING OF SURVEYS**

**55-1901. Purpose.** The purpose of this chapter is to provide a method for preserving evidence of land surveys by providing for a public record of surveys. The provisions shall be deemed supplementary to existing laws relating to surveys, subdivisions, platting and boundaries. [55-1901, added 1978, ch. 107, sec. 1, p. 221.]

**55-1902. Definitions.** As used in this chapter:

(1) "Basis of bearing" means the bearing in degrees, minutes and seconds, or equivalent, of a line between two (2) monuments or two (2) monumented corners that serves as the reference bearing for all other lines on the survey.

(2) "Corner," unless otherwise defined, means a property corner, or a property controlling corner, or a public land survey corner, or any combination of these.

(3) "GPS" is the abbreviation for global positioning system, which is satellite surveying based on observations of the electromagnetic signals broadcast from the U.S. department of defense's NAVSTAR GPS system.

(4) "Idaho coordinate system" shall mean that system of plane coordinates as established and designated by chapter 17, title 55, Idaho Code.

(5) "Land survey" means measuring the field location of corners that:

(a) Determine the boundary or boundaries common to two (2) or more ownerships;

(b) Retrace or establish land boundaries;

(c) Retrace or establish boundary lines of public roads, streets, alleys or trails; or

(d) Plat lands and subdivisions thereof.

(6) "Monument" is a physical structure or object that occupies the exact position of a corner.

(7) "Property controlling corner" for a property is a public land survey corner, property corner, reference point or witness corner that controls the location of one (1) or more of the property corners of the property in question.

(8) "Property corner" is a geographic point on the surface of the earth and is on, a part of, and controls a property.

(9) "Public land survey corner" is any point actually established and monumented in an original survey or resurvey that determines the boundaries of remaining public lands, or public lands patented, represented on an official plat and in the field notes thereof, accepted and approved under authority delegated by congress to the U.S. general land office and the U.S. department of the interior, bureau of land management.

(10) "Reference point" means a special monumented point that does not occupy the same geographical position as the corner itself, and where the spatial relationship to the corner is known and recorded, and that serves to locate the corner.

(11) "Surveyor" shall mean every person authorized by the state of Idaho to practice the profession of land surveying.

History: [55-1902, added 1978, ch. 107, sec. 1, p. 221; am. 1997, ch. 190, sec. 17, p. 529; am. 2004, ch. 83, sec. 1, p. 311; am. 2011, ch. 136, sec. 17, p. 394; am. 2017, ch. 86, sec. 2, p. 233.]

**55-1903. Compliance with chapter required.** Any surveyor legally engaged in the practice of land surveying shall comply with the provisions of this chapter. [55-1903, added 1978, ch. 107, sec. 1, p. 222.]

**55-1904. Records of Survey – When Filing Required.** After making a land survey in conformity with established principles of land surveying, a surveyor shall file a record of survey with the county recorder in the county or counties wherein the lands surveyed are situated. A record of survey shall be filed within ninety (90) days after completing any survey which:

- (1) Discloses a material discrepancy with previous surveys of record;
- (2) Establishes boundary lines and/or corners not previously existing or of record;
- (3) Results in the setting of monuments at corners of record which were not previously monumented;
- (4) Produces evidence or information which varies from, or is not contained in, surveys of record relating to the public land survey, lost public land corners or obliterated land survey corners; or
- (5) Results in the setting of monuments that conform to the requirements of section 54-1227, Idaho Code, at the corners of an easement or lease area. [55-1904, added 1978, ch. 107, sec. 1, p. 222; am. 2006, ch. 136, sec. 1, p. 391; am. 2011, ch. 136, sec. 18, p. 394.]

**55-1905. Records of survey -- Filing.** The records of survey to be filed under authority of this chapter shall be processed as follows:

- (1) The record of survey shall be a map using the same media and copy process as provided in section 50-1304, Idaho Code. The map shall be eighteen (18) inches by twenty-seven (27) inches in size, with a three and one-half (3 1/2) inch margin at the left end for binding, and a one-half (1/2) inch margin on all other edges. No part of the drawing or certificates shall encroach upon the margins. Signatures shall be in reproducible black ink. The sheet or sheets which contain the drawing or diagram representing the survey shall be drawn at a scale suitable to ensure the clarity of all lines, bearings and dimensions. In the event that any survey is of such magnitude that the drawing or diagram cannot be placed on a single sheet, serially numbered sheets shall be prepared and match lines shall be indicated on the drawing or diagram with appropriate references to other sheets.
- (2) The original transparency and one (1) legible print of each record of survey shall be furnished to the county recorder in the county or counties in which the survey is to be recorded.

History:

[55-1905, added 1978, ch. 107, sec. 1, p. 222; am. 1997, ch. 190, sec. 18, p. 530; am. 2015, ch. 48, sec. 6, p. 106.]

**55-1906. Records of survey -- Contents.** The records of survey shall, at a minimum, show:

- (1) All monuments found or set or reset or replaced, or removed, describing their kind, size, location using bearings and distances, and giving other data relating thereto;
- (2) Evidence of compliance with chapter 16, title 55, Idaho Code, including instrument numbers of the most current corner records related to the survey being submitted and instrument numbers of corner records of corners which are set in conjunction with the survey being submitted; basis of bearings, bearing and length of lines, graphic scale of map, and north arrow;
- (3) Section, or part of section, township and range in which the survey is located and reference to surveys of record within or crossing or adjoining the survey;
- (4) Certificate of survey;
- (5) Ties to at least two (2) public land survey corner monuments of record in one (1) or more of the sections containing the record of survey, or in lieu of public land survey corners, to two (2)

corners of records recognized by the county surveyor. Records of survey which are within previously platted subdivisions of record need not be tied to public land survey corner monuments.

(6) Surveyor's narrative. The narrative must explain:

(a) The purpose of the survey and how the boundary lines and other lines were established or reestablished and the reasoning behind the decisions;

(b) Which deed records, deed elements, survey records, found survey monuments, plat records, road records, or other pertinent data were controlling when establishing or reestablishing the lines; and

(c) For surveys that contain a vertical component, the narrative shall show the benchmarks used, the vertical datum referenced, and the methodology used to achieve the elevations.

History:

[55-1906, added 1978, ch. 107, sec. 1, p. 223; am. 1997, ch. 190, sec. 19, p. 530; am. 2004, ch. 83, sec. 2, p. 312; am. 2015, ch. 48, sec. 7, p. 107; 2019 ch. 58 p 147.]

**55-1907. Coordinates -- Basis.** When coordinates in the Idaho coordinate system are shown on a record of survey map, subdivision plat or a highway right-of-way plat, the map or the plat must show the national spatial reference system monuments and their coordinates used as the basis of the survey; the zone; the datum and adjustment; and the combined adjustment factor and the convergence angle and the location where they were computed. [55-1907, added 1978, ch. 107, sec. 1, p. 223; am. 1997, ch. 190, sec. 20, p. 531; am. 2010, ch. 256, sec. 11, p. 654.]

**55-1908. When Record of Survey Not Required.** A record of survey is not required of any survey when:

(1) It is of a preliminary nature;

(2) A map is in preparation for recording or has been recorded under any other section of the Idaho Code, or pursuant to the laws of the United States;

(3) A survey is performed for a mineral claim location, amendment or relocation; or

(4) None of the conditions contained in section 55-1904, Idaho Code, exist and the principal purpose of the survey is to depict information other than the points of lines that define boundaries including, but not limited to, topographic surveys and construction surveys, staking and layout. [55-1908, added 1978, ch. 107, sec. 1, p. 223; am. 2011, ch. 136, sec. 19, p. 395.]

**55-1909. Filing fee.** A fee of five dollars (\$5.00) per page shall be charged for filing any record of survey. [55-1909, added 1978, ch. 107, sec. 1, p. 223; am. 1979, ch. 289, sec. 1, p. 768.]

**55-1910. Duties of county recorder.** The record of survey filed with the county recorder of any county shall be assigned an instrument number and shall be bound or filed with other plats of like character in a book or file or through an approved electronic storage system designated as "Records of Surveys."

Proper indexes or electronic segregated searchable and retrieval files shall be kept of such record of survey by section, township and range.

The survey map transparency shall be stored for safekeeping in a reproducible condition. It shall be proper for the recorder to maintain for public reference a set of counter maps that are prints of the transparencies. The transparencies shall be produced for comparison upon demand, and full scale copies shall be made available to the public, at direct cost, by the county recorder. [55-1910, added 1978, ch. 107, sec. 1, p. 223; am. 2005, ch. 243, sec. 10, p. 761.]

**55-1911. Error of Closure.** Any survey of land involving property boundaries including, but not limited to, public land survey lines, shall be conducted in such a manner as to produce an

unadjusted mathematical error of closure of each area bounded by property lines within the survey of not more than one (1) part in five thousand (5,000). [55-1911, added 1984, ch. 263, sec. 1, p. 637; am. 2011, ch. 136, sec. 20, p. 395.]

**TITLE 40**  
**HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES**  
**CHAPTER 2**  
**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**40-209.Highway Right-of-Way Plats.** (1) A public highway agency may file in the office of the county recorder a highway right-of-way plat. The highway right-of-way plat shall show by outline and identify by parcel number, parcels of land to be acquired and shall be prepared in conformance with sections 55-1905 through 55-1907, Idaho Code. The recording of a highway right-of-way plat as provided in this section shall not excuse a county or highway district from the requirements of abandonment or validation of a public highway or public right-of-way as provided in sections 40-203 and 40-203A, Idaho Code. The highway right-of-way plat shall contain the following:

- (a) Project name and number;
- (b) The location and monumentation of the points where the right-of-way changes direction by angle point or curvature and its intersection with any public highway, street or trail right-of-way and all witness corners and reference points. All points shall be marked with magnetically detectable monuments conforming to the provisions of section 54-1227, Idaho Code, unless special circumstances preclude use of such monument. Monuments shall be marked such that measurements between them may be made to the nearest one-tenth (0.1) foot;
- (c) An outline showing the boundary of each parcel of land to be acquired based on ownership records and the right-of-way location survey;
- (d) An identifying parcel number and the area for each parcel of land to be acquired;
- (e) Acknowledgement of authorized agent of the public highway agency filing said plat;
- (f) Certificate of land surveyor under whose responsible charge the plat is prepared.

(2) The highway right-of-way plat filed with the county recorder of any county shall be assigned an instrument number and shall be bound or filed with other plats of like character in a book on file designated "Highway Right-of-Way Plats."

(3) Any amendments, alterations, rescissions or changes in a highway right-of-way plat shall comply with subsection (1) of this section and shall be filed in a like manner. The recorder may make suitable notations on the appropriate highway right-of-way plat affected by the amendment, alteration, rescission or change to direct the attention of anyone examining the record to the proper plat.

(4) Highway right-of-way plats filed under this section shall not operate to transfer title to the real property described therein but such plat shall be used for delineation purposes. Acquisition of real property for highway right-of-way by conveyance or judicial decree may refer to said highway right-of-way plat, project number and parcel identification number, together with delineation of the parcel as a valid description of the real property for all purposes.

(5) The agency making the initial filing in a county shall reimburse the county recorder the actual cost of the plat book required in subsection (2) of this section. [40-209, added 1994, ch. 364, sec. 2, p. 1140; am. 2011, ch. 136, sec. 5, p. 385.]



**TITLE 31**  
**COUNTIES AND COUNTY LAW**  
**CHAPTER 27**  
**COUNTY SURVEYOR**

**31-2705. Establishment of county lines.** Whenever it shall be ordered by an act of the legislature to establish the boundary line between two (2) counties, the board of county commissioners of each county interested in the boundary shall jointly select and retain the services of a professional land surveyor to establish said boundary line, or each county shall select and retain the services of a professional land surveyor who shall jointly establish said boundary, and firmly plant and mark corners and monuments of imperishable material, also to prepare plats and field notes jointly, one (1) copy of which shall be filed with the auditor and recorder of each of the counties so interested. The fees and compensations for such surveys, plats and field notes, shall be paid out of the county treasury upon the order of the county commissioners of each county to the respective surveyors so employed. [(31-2705) 1897, p. 19, sec. 6; reen. 1899, p. 295, sec. 6; reen. R.C. & C.L., sec. 2091; C.S., sec. 3670; I.C.A., sec. 30-2205; am. 1963, ch. 90, sec. 2, p. 286; am. 1989, ch. 101, sec. 1, p. 234.]

**31-2707. County surveys to be made by professional land surveyor.** All surveys, maps and plats ordered by the board of county commissioners shall be made by a professional land surveyor retained by the board who shall be paid such fee as may be fixed and agreed upon. [(31-2707) 1897, p. 19, sec. 8; reen. 1899, p. 295, sec. 8; reen. R.C. & C.L., sec. 2093; C.S., sec. 3672; I.C.A., sec. 30-2207; am. 1963, ch. 90, sec. 3, p. 286; am. 1989, ch. 101, sec. 2, p. 235.]

**31-2709. Surveys must conform to United States manual.** No surveys or resurveys hereafter made shall be considered legal evidence in any court within the state, except such surveys as are made in accordance with the United States manual of surveying instructions, the circular on restoration of lost or obliterated corners and subdivisions of sections, issued by the general land office, or by the authority of the United States, the state of Idaho, or by mutual consent of the parties. [(31-2709) 1897, p. 19, sec. 1; reen. 1899, p. 295, sec. 1; reen. R.C. & C.L., sec. 2095; C.S., sec. 3674; I.C.A., sec. 30-2209; am. 1963, ch. 90, sec. 4, p. 286.]

**TITLE 67**  
**STATE GOVERNMENT AND STATE AFFAIRS**  
**CHAPTER 23**  
**MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

**67-2320. Professional service contracts with design professionals, construction managers and professional land surveyors.** (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, it shall be the policy of this state that all public agencies and political subdivisions of the state of Idaho and their agents shall make selections for professional engineering, architectural, landscape architecture, construction management and professional land surveying services, including services by persons licensed pursuant to chapters 3, 12, 30 and 45, title 54, Idaho Code, on the basis of qualifications and demonstrated competence and shall negotiate contracts or agreements for such services on the basis of demonstrated competence and qualifications for the type of services required at fair and reasonable prices.

(2) In carrying out this policy, public agencies and political subdivisions of the state shall use the following minimum guidelines in securing contracts for engineering, architectural, landscape architecture, construction management and land surveying services on projects for which the professional service fee is anticipated to exceed the total sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000), excluding professional services contracts previously awarded for an associated or phased project, and the expenditure is otherwise exempt from the bidding process provided by law:

- (a) Encourage persons or firms engaged in the services being solicited to submit statements of qualifications and performance data;
- (b) Establish and make available to the public the criteria and procedures used for the selection of qualified persons or firms to perform such services;
- (c) Select the persons or firms whom the public agency or political subdivision determines to be best qualified to provide the required services, ranked in order of preference, pursuant to the public agency or political subdivision's established criteria and procedures;
- (d) Negotiate with the highest ranked person or firm for a contract or agreement to perform such services at a price determined by the public agency or political subdivision to be reasonable and fair to the public after considering the estimated value, the scope, the complexity and the nature of the services;
- (e) When unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract or agreement, formally terminate negotiations and undertake negotiations with the next highest ranked person or firm, following the procedure prescribed in subsection (2)(d) of this section;
- (f) When unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract or agreement with any of the selected persons or firms, continue with the selection and negotiation process provided in this section until a contract or agreement is reached;
- (g) When public agencies or political subdivisions solicit proposals for engineering, architectural, landscape architecture, construction management or land surveying services for which the professional service fee is anticipated to exceed the total sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000), they shall publish public notice in the same manner as required for bidding of public works construction projects.
- (h) In fulfilling the requirements of subsections (2)(a) through (2)(g) of this section, a public agency or political subdivision may limit its selection from a list of three (3) persons or firms selected and preapproved for consideration by the public agency or political subdivision. In establishing a preapproved list a public agency or political subdivision shall publish notice as set forth in subsection (2)(g) of this section. When selecting from such list, no notice shall be required.
- (i) In fulfilling the requirements of subsections (2)(a) through (2)(g) of this section, a public agency or political subdivision may request information concerning a person's or

firm's rates, overhead and multipliers, if any, however such information shall not be used by the public agency or political subdivision for the purpose of ranking in order of preference as required in subsection (2)(c) of this section.

(3) In securing contracts for engineering, architectural, landscape architecture, construction management or land surveying services on projects for which the professional service fee is anticipated to be less than the total sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000), the public agency or political subdivision may use the guidelines set forth in paragraphs (a) through (g) of subsection (2) of this section or establish its own guidelines for selection based on demonstrated competence and qualifications to perform the type of services required, followed by negotiation of the fee at a price determined by the public agency or political subdivision to be fair and reasonable after considering the estimated value, the scope, the complexity and the nature of services.

(4) When a public agency or political subdivision of the state has previously awarded a professional services contract to a person or firm for an associated or phased project the public agency or political subdivision may, at its discretion, negotiate an extended or new professional services contract with that person or firm.

(5) (a) For the purposes of this section, "public agency" shall mean the state of Idaho and any departments, commissions, boards, authorities, bureaus, universities, colleges, educational institutions or other state agencies which have been created by or pursuant to statute other than courts and their agencies and divisions, and the judicial council and the district magistrate's commission;

(b) For the purposes of this section, "political subdivision" shall mean a county, city, airport, airport district, school district, health district, road district, cemetery district, community college district, hospital district, irrigation district, sewer district, fire protection district, or any other district or municipality of any nature whatsoever having the power to levy taxes or assessment, organized under any general or special law of this state. The enumeration of certain districts herein shall not be construed to exclude other districts or municipalities from this definition. [67-2320, added 1984, ch. 188, sec. 1, p. 438; am. 1998, ch. 410, sec. 4, p. 1273.]