



Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules

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1. General Information

a. Agency/Board Name*		
b. Agency/Board Address	c. City	d. Zip Code
e. Name of Agency Liaison	f. Agency Liaison Telephone Number	
g. Agency Liaison Email Address		
h. Date of Public Notice	i. Comment Period End Date	
j. Public Comment URL or Email Address:		
k. Program		
Amended Program Name (if applicable):		
* <input type="checkbox"/> By checking this box, the agency is indicating it is exempt from certain sections of the Administrative Procedure Act including public comment period requirements. Please contact the agency for details regarding these rules.		

2. Legislative Enactment For purposes of this Section 2, "new" only applies to regular non-emergency rules promulgated in response to a Wyoming legislative enactment not previously addressed in whole or in part by prior rulemaking and does not include rules adopted in response to a federal mandate.

a. Are these non-emergency regular rules new as per the above description and the definition of "new" in Chapter 1 of the Rules on Rules?

<input type="checkbox"/> No. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. If the rules are new, please provide the Legislative Chapter Number and Year Enacted:	Chapter:	Year:
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3. Rule Type and Information For purposes of this Section 3, "New" means an emergency or regular rule that has never been previously created.

a. Provide the Chapter Number, Title and Proposed Action for Each Chapter. Please use the "Additional Rule Information" form to identify additional rule chapters.

Chapter Number:	Chapter Name:	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Repealed
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4. Public Comments and Hearing Information

a. A public hearing on the proposed rules has been scheduled. ☐ No. ☐ Yes. Please complete the boxes below.

Date:	Time:	City:	Location:

b. What is the manner in which interested persons may present their views on the rulemaking action?

☐ By submitting written comments to the Agency at the physical and/or email address listed in Section 1 above.

☐ At the following URL: _____

A public hearing will be held if requested by 25 persons, a government subdivision, or by an association having not less than 25 members. Requests for a public hearing may be submitted:

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c. Any person may urge the Agency not to adopt the rules and request the Agency to state its reasons for overruling the consideration urged against adoption. Requests for an agency response must be made prior to, or within thirty (30) days after adoption, of the rule, addressed to the Agency and Agency Liaison listed in Section 1 above.

5. Federal Law Requirements

a. These rules are created/amended/repealed to comply with federal law or regulatory requirements. ☐ No. ☐ Yes. Please complete the boxes below.

Applicable Federal Law or Regulation Citation:	
Indicate one (1):	<input type="checkbox"/> The proposed rules meet, but do not exceed, minimum federal requirements. <input type="checkbox"/> The proposed rules exceed minimum federal requirements.
Any person wishing to object to the accuracy of any information provided by the Agency under this item should submit their objections prior to final adoption to:	<input type="checkbox"/> To the Agency at the physical and/or email address listed in Section 1 above. <input type="checkbox"/> At the following URL: _____

6. State Statutory Requirements

a. Indicate one (1):

☐ The proposed rule change *MEETS* minimum substantive statutory requirements.

☐ The proposed rule change *EXCEEDS* minimum substantive statutory requirements. Please attach a statement explaining the reason that the rules exceed the requirements.

b. ☐ The Agency has completed a takings assessment as required by W.S. 9-5-304. A copy of the assessment used to evaluate the proposed rules may be obtained:

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7. Additional APA Provisions

a. Complete all that apply in regards to uniform rules:

☐ These rules are not impacted by the uniform rules identified in the Administrative Procedure Act, W.S. 16-3-103(j).

☐ The following chapters do not differ from the uniform rules identified in the Administrative Procedure Act, W.S. 16-3-103(j):

(Provide chapter numbers)

☐ These chapters differ from the uniform rules identified in the Administrative Procedure Act, W.S. 16-3-103(j) (see Statement of Principal Reasons).

(Provide chapter numbers)

b. Checklist

☐ The Statement of Principal Reasons is attached to this Notice and, in compliance with *Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. v. Environmental Quality Council*, 590 P.2d 1324 (Wyo. 1979), includes a brief statement of the substance or terms of the rule and the basis and purpose of the rule.

☐ If applicable: In consultation with the Attorney General's Office, the Agency's Attorney General representative concurs that strike and underscore is not required as the proposed amendments are pervasive (Chapter 3, *Types of Rules Filings*, Section 1, Proposed Rules, of the Rules on Rules).

8. Authorization

a. I certify that the foregoing information is correct.

Printed Name of Authorized Individual

Title of Authorized Individual

Date of Authorization



Wyoming State Construction Department

Governor Mark Gordon

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Delbert McOmie, Director

Date: May 2, 2025

To: Interested Parties

From: Delbert McOmie, Director of the State Construction Department
Suzanne Norton, Secretary of the State Building Commission
Honorable Mark Gordon, Chairman of the State Building Commission

Subject: Statement of Principal Reasons for State Construction Department Rules, State Building Commission Program. Amending Chapters 1 and 4 within the Program

The State Building Commission (Commission) has approved the following revision of its rules and regulations, which were last amended in March 2025. The proposed changes conform the recently amended rules to implement W.S. § 6-8-105 as created by 2025 HB0172/HEA0024, Effective July 1, 2025.

The Department worked with the Rules Working Group of the Commission, including Working Group Chairman, Auditor Racines, Working Group Member, Superintendent Degenfelder, and the Attorney General's Office in developing the proposed rules. Changes to the existing rules include:

(1) Chapter 1 § 4. Definitions, amended:

- (j) to include a definition for Concealed carry and Concealed firearm;
- (cc) to include a definition of Open carry; and
- (ii) to include a definition of Public-owned building.

(2) Chapter 4 § 5. Occupancy, use, repair, and maintenance or construction projects in public buildings, amended:

- (f) to revise and refine exceptions describing lawful carry in Public-owned buildings:
 - (ii) Peace officers, including Security Personnel engaging in Open carry or concealed carry; and
 - (iii) Individuals lawfully engaging in Permitted carry or Constitutional carry in compliance with all other applicable laws and regulations.
- (g) to remove extraneous language; and to revise the location reference within the paragraph to conform with W.S. § 6-8-105.

(i) to address varying conditions that exist related to facilities where the carrying of firearms is otherwise prohibited by law or contract and that such areas shall be clearly marked.

(3) Chapter 4 § 6. Legislative and judicial facilities; agencies with independent statutory authority for the operation, management, and use of public buildings, amended:

To revise the application of W.S. 6-8-104(t)(iii) during use by the judiciary in a Public-owned building, including but not limited to the Capitol or Capitol Extension meeting rooms as a courtroom.

(4) Corrections and renumbering as necessary.

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CHAPTER 4

Operation, Management, and Use of Public Buildings

Section 1. Authority. The State Building Commission, pursuant to Wyoming Statute §§ 9-5-106(a) and 9-5-107, is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations relative to the operation, management, and use of public buildings.

Section 2. Purpose. This Chapter describes the general procedures relevant to the operation, management, and use of public buildings; authorizes General Services to promulgate policies that shall bind all agencies to which these rules apply for the operation, management, and use of public buildings; and provides exceptions to these rules and General Services' policies for particular buildings.

Section 3. State facility management. Agencies shall manage, operate, and use public buildings in a manner that provides for quality space and services consistent with their operational needs and accomplishes overall government objectives. Buildings and building systems management, operation, and use must:

- (a) Be cost effective and energy efficient;
- (b) Be adequate to meet the agency's missions; and
- (c) Be conducted in an appropriate manner to maintain and preserve the building and building systems, consistent with available funding.

Section 4. Operation, management, and use policies and procedures.

(a) General Services shall adopt operation, management, and use policies (General Services policies). All agencies and their employees shall comply with the adopted General Services policies.

(b) Each occupant agency shall annually train its employees to ensure they have an awareness and understanding of the General Services policies.

(c) Occupant agencies may develop policies to address requests by another agency or government entity to use their facilities. General Services shall develop use policies for common spaces, such as meeting rooms and lobbies, in public buildings occupied by more than one agency to ensure agencies and other branches of State Government fair and equitable access to such spaces, including events put on by private parties for governmental parties, but which are not open to the general public.

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Section 5. Occupancy, use, repair, and maintenance or construction projects in public buildings.

(a) The Commission's Chapter 6 rules govern the use of those portions of public buildings subject to Commission control and regulation.

(b) All rents resulting from occupancy of the Capitol Complex shall be collected by General Services and paid into the general fund.

(c) All proposed construction or renovation projects shall be reviewed and approved by the Commission, the Governor, the State Treasurer, State Historic Preservation Office, General Services, and SCD before beginning any work. Except for emergency maintenance, the Commission shall not approve any construction or renovation project that amounts to architectural or structural alteration to the Capitol Building or grounds without providing notice to the management council of the Legislature and without a legislative session convening and adjourning after notice was provided to the management council.

(d) Security in the State Capitol Properties shall be provided by the Wyoming Highway Patrol, Division O, and contract security officers. Security may be provided in all other public buildings by contract security officers.

(e) Persons who reasonably appear to pose a threat to themselves, the general public, or the occupants of a public building shall be denied access to the public building and may be escorted from the grounds according to the discretion of the persons providing security to that public building.

(f) Except as otherwise provided herein, and subject to the restrictions set forth in subsection 5(i) of this Chapter, no dangerous weapon may be carried in Public-owned buildings, except those lawfully carried by:

(i) Peace officers, including Security Personnel engaging in Open carry or Concealed carry, and

(ii) Individuals lawfully engaging in Permitted carry or Constitutional carry in Public areas in compliance with all other applicable laws and regulations.

(g) Security Personnel are authorized to request that any persons carrying a dangerous weapon in a public building relinquish the weapon for failure to comply with applicable law or regulation, or unsafe behavior. The weapon shall be returned to the person when he or she leaves the public building, unless Security Personnel have probable cause to detain either the person or the weapon. If a person carrying a dangerous weapon refuses to relinquish the weapon to Security Personnel, that person shall be denied access to the public building.

(h) A person who carries a Concealed firearm is solely responsible for any injury or property damage involving the firearm. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as a waiver of the State's sovereign immunity.

(i) Nothing contained herein shall be construed to allow the carrying of a weapon, open or concealed, into facilities where the carrying of firearms is otherwise prohibited by law or contract. These rules apply to Public-owned buildings and Public buildings that are held subject to lease to the extent that the lessor agrees to allow Constitutional carry or Permitted carry in that Public building. To the extent that carrying a weapon in certain Public buildings, or in some areas of Public buildings, is or may be prohibited by law, the entry to said facilities, or areas within those facilities, shall be clearly marked.

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CHAPTER 4

Operation, Management, and Use of Public Buildings

Section 1. Authority. The State Building Commission, pursuant to Wyoming Statute §§ 9-5-106(a) and 9-5-107, is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations relative to the operation, management, and use of public buildings.

Section 2. Purpose. This Chapter describes the general procedures relevant to the operation, management, and use of public buildings; authorizes General Services to promulgate policies that shall bind all agencies to which these rules apply for the operation, management, and use of public buildings; and provides exceptions to these rules and General Services' policies for particular buildings.

Section 3. State facility management. Agencies shall manage, operate, and use public buildings in a manner that provides for quality space and services consistent with their operational needs and accomplishes overall government objectives. Buildings and building systems management, operation, and use must:

- (a) Be cost effective and energy efficient;
- (b) Be adequate to meet the agency's missions; and
- (c) Be conducted in an appropriate manner to maintain and preserve the building and building systems, consistent with available funding.

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