

Information Packet

Public Hearing: Boiler Rules & Fee Increase (FY 25)

Date: February 21, 2024
Time: 10:20 a.m.
Location: Department of Labor & Industries
7273 Linderson Way SW
Tumwater, Washington 98501

Join electronically (Zoom):

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The Board of Boiler Rules and [Washington State Department of Labor & Industries](#) (L&I) will hold a public hearing on the proposed amendments to the boiler rules under [Chapter 296-104 WAC Board of Boiler Rules-Substantive](#). The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comment on the proposed rules.

This rulemaking proposes changes to the boiler rules for updates, clarification, and other changes. The changes affect safety codes, installer and clearance requirements, and fees under chapter 296-104 WAC, Board of Boiler Rules – Substantive.

The proposed rules are as follows:

- Increases fees by the fiscal growth factor rate of 6.40% to support operating expenses for the Boiler Program.
- Makes installers responsible for correcting deficiencies found on initial inspection and paying subsequent inspection fees
- Removes the National Board Inspection Code (NBIC), current edition Part 4, Section 6, and Supplement 3 from the non-mandatory guidelines for pressure relief devices for consistency with the code.
- Adds new Section XIII from the 2023 edition of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), to the standards for new construction of boilers and pressure vessels for consistency with the code.
- Allows for clearances less than eighteen inches for boilers when recommended by the manufacturer's instructions for better direction on clearances.
- Adds a new exception that allows for side clearances less than eight inches for pressure vessels when recommended by the manufacturer's instructions and it does not inhibit inspection, maintenance, or repair for better direction on clearances. This also includes:

- Notating that exceptions must be documented in the state's jurisdictional database.
- Clarifying the access requirements for manholes.
- Updates for general housekeeping, such as rearranging existing requirements, renumbering subsections, and converting spelled numbers to numerals for formatting.

You can review the proposed rules at: <https://lni.wa.gov/rulemaking-activity/?query=Boiler&ruleTopic=All&ruleStatus=Open> or <https://www.lni.wa.gov/licensing-permits/boilers/laws-rules>.

If you require communication or accommodation arrangements, please contact Meagan Edwards at 360-522-0125, before February 7, 2024.

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Submit written comments by 5 p.m. on February 13, 2024.

Details of specific proposed amendments will be published in Washington State Register 24-02 on January 17, 2024. The tentative adoption date for these rules is April 16, 2024, and the tentative effective date is July 1, 2024.