

CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT (CES)

Elevator Rules (Fee Corrections)

Chapter 296-96 WAC, Safety Regulations and Fees for all Elevators, Dumbwaiters, Escalators and Other Conveyances

The date of adoption for this rule: October 17, 2023

The effective date for this rule: January 1, 2024

1. Purpose of rulemaking:

The purpose of this rulemaking is to adopt amendments to the elevator rules under chapter 296-96 WAC, for corrections to fees. Adopted amendments to this chapter:

- Correct the fee effective dates from July 1, 2024, to January 1, 2024;
- Remove obsolete fees;
- Correct the fee amount for inspecting and testing of elevators used for construction; and
- Modify rules for clarity and general housekeeping, such as renumbering, formatting, etc.

On October 18, 2022, L&I adopted two, 8.5% increases to all elevator fees effective January 1, 2023, and January 1, 2024 (WSR 22-21-118). The fee increase supports funding for a new Conveyance Management System. As a result of a typographical error, some of the fee effective dates were incorrect. The fees affected include permits, inspections, and other services for conveyances. This rulemaking adopts the corrections, along with other housekeeping amendments

2. Differences between the rule as adopted and the proposed rule:

There are no differences between the rule as adopted and proposed.

3. Comments on proposed rule:

The public comment period for this rulemaking began on July 18, 2023, and ended on August 23, 2023.

L&I accepted written comments through August 23, 2023.

A public hearing was held on August 23, 2023, at 9:30 a.m., in-person at the L&I Tukwila Office and via Zoom meeting. Four (4) L&I staff and no other persons attended the public hearing.

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L&I did not receive any oral or written comments on the proposed rules; therefore, the rules have been adopted as proposed.