

Concise Explanatory Statement

Reasons for Adopting the Rule: SB 6104 passed during the 2009 legislative session. This legislation amends RCW 42.04.060 and 42.56.090, lowering office hours to forty hours per week for the transaction of business and thirty hours per week for public records inspection. Our office has routinely had office hours from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. We are considering changing our hours for inspection of public records to 8:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and the hours for filing of rule-making notices and orders from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This will allow our office to process any requests and/or filings without having to stay after hours. We feel that this should not cause a tremendous burden on agencies because they have the option of using the electronic filing system.

Differences Between the Text of the Proposed Rule as Published and the Text of the Rule Adopted and the Reasons for the Differences: None.

Summary of Comments: None received.