

Audio transcript of the public hearing on rule-making amending WAC 308-101

January 24, 2023

Ellis Starrett:

Good afternoon. This is a public hearing before the Washington State Department of Licensing, being held to elicit public testimony, both oral and written, with regard to proposed rules regulating the administration of hearings. This proposal includes amendments to WAC 308-101-040, eligibility for hearing. WAC 308-101-070, signatures. WAC 308-101-090, scheduling notice of hearings. WAC 308-101-120, continuances. WAC 308-101-150. WAC 308-101-155, filing and exhibits and other documents within the department calling expert witnesses. WAC 308-101-170, video evidence. WAC 308-101-180, format and length for briefs, motion, memoranda, and other pleadings. And WAC 308-101-210, conduct of hearings.

This hearing is being held via Zoom with an in-person option at the Highways & Licensing Building located in downtown Olympia, Washington at 1:00 PM on January 24th, 2023. Public notice of this hearing was given by notice number WSR 23-01-144 filed with the [inaudible 00:01:27]'s office on December 21st, 2022. Copies of the proposed rules are available at <https://www.vol.wa.gov/about/driversrules.html>. The sign-in sheet, your testimony, and any documents you provide are public document.

This rule is proposed pursuant to the provisions of RCW 46-01-110, rulemaking authority, RCW 46-01-040, powers, duties and functions relating to motor vehicle laws vested in department, and the administration of laws relating to reciprocal or proportional registration of motor vehicles as provided in Chapter 46-85 RCW.

My name is Ellis Starrett, and my title is Rules and Policy Manager. The Director of Licensing has designated me to preside over this hearing. Representatives of Washington State Department of Licensing are present today if there are questions. Marguerite Friedlander, administrator for hearings unit, Miriam Norman and Marta Reinhold, assistant administrators for the hearings unit, Kelsey Wainwright, Megan Messer, and Michael Corey, hearings examiners.

The procedure today will be as follows. The department is required to make a record of this hearing by stenographic, mechanical, or electronic means. Therefore, we are recording this hearing and we'll save the audio. Anyone wishing to testify today should have signed in or should unmute or raise their hand when I ask if there is anyone else wishing to testify today. I will ask you to provide your contact information, which will be added to a sign-in sheet. This sheet will be used to call forward individuals for testimony and is later used to ensure hearing participants are notified of rulemaking results and the agency's response to comments.

You will be called to testify in the order in which I collect your information. To assist in preparing the record of public hearing, individuals testifying today should state their name, who they represent, if they are testifying on behalf of others, and whether they support or oppose the proposed rules.

The department has not yet received any written comments on these rules. For those wishing to provide written comments, please email them to rulescoordinator@dol.wa.gov, and we will include them in the formal record. Copies of these written comments will be added to this rulemaking file.

Now we will hear oral statements, if any, from those present. Is there anyone wishing to testify?

Hearing no one, the department will prepare a concise explanatory statement which will, among other things, summarize any additional written comments received regarding the proposed rules and respond to them by category or subject matter. Copies of the concise explanatory statement will be forwarded to all those who have made comments. This hearing is adjourned.