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PURPOSE: This rule establishes a professional code of conduct for architects, professional engineers, professional land surveyors, and landscape architects.

(1) Definitions.

(A) Board—The Missouri Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Professional Land Surveyors, and Landscape Architects.

(B) Licensee—Any person licensed as an architect, professional engineer, professional land surveyor or landscape architect under the provisions of Chapter 327, RSMo.

(2) The Missouri Rules of Professional Conduct for Architects, Professional Engineers, Professional Land Surveyors, and Landscape Architects Preamble reads as follows: Pursuant to section 327.041.2, RSMo, the board adopts the following rules, referred to as the rules of professional conduct. These rules of professional conduct are binding for every licensee. Each person licensed pursuant to Chapter 327, RSMo is required to be familiar with Chapter 327, RSMo and the rules of the board. The rules of professional conduct will be enforced under the powers vested in the board. Any act or practice found to be in violation of these rules of professional conduct will be grounds for a complaint to be filed with the Administrative Hearing Commission.

(3) In practicing architecture, professional engineering, land surveying or landscape architecture, a licensee shall act with reasonable care and competence, and shall apply the technical knowledge and skill which are ordinarily applied by architects, professional engineers, professional land surveyors or landscape architects of good standing, practicing in Missouri. In the performance of professional services, licensees shall be cognizant that their primary responsibility is to the public welfare, and this shall not be compromised by any self-interest of the client or the licensee.

(4) Licensees shall undertake to perform architectural, professional engineering, land surveying and landscape architectural services only when they, together with those whom the licensee may employ, or engage as a consultant, are qualified by education, training and experience in the specific technical areas involved.

(5) Licensees, in the conduct of their practice, shall not knowingly violate any state or federal criminal law. Licensees shall comply with state laws and regulations governing their practice. In the performance of architectural, professional engineering, land surveying or landscape architectural services within a municipality or political subdivision that is governed by laws, codes and ordinances relating to the protection of life, health, property and welfare of the public, a licensee shall not knowingly violate these laws, codes and ordinances.

(6) Licensees at all times shall recognize that their primary obligation is to protect the safety, health, property or welfare of the public. If the professional judgment is overruled under circumstances where the safety, health, property or welfare of the public are endangered, they shall notify their employer or client and other authority as may be appropriate.

(7) Licensees shall not assist non-licensees in the unlawful practice of architecture, professional engineering, land surveying or landscape architecture. Licensees shall not assist in the application for licensure of a person known by the licensee to be unqualified in respect to education, training, experience or other relevant factors.

(8) Licensees shall truthfully and accurately represent to others the extent of their education, training, experience and professional qualifications. Licensees shall not misrepresent or exaggerate the scope of their responsibility in connection with prior employment or assignments.

(9) Licensees shall not accept compensation, financial or otherwise, from more than one (1) party, for services pertaining to the same project, unless the circumstances are fully disclosed and agreed to by all interested parties. The disclosure and agreement shall be in writing.

(10) Licensees shall make full disclosure, suitably documented, to their employers or clients of potential conflicts of interest, or other circumstances which could influence or

appear to influence their judgment on significant issues or the unbiased quality of their services.

(11) Licensees shall not offer, give, solicit or receive, either directly or indirectly, any commission, contributions or valuable gifts, in order to secure employment, gain an unfair advantage over other licensees, or influence the judgment of others in awarding contracts for either public or private projects. This provision is not intended to restrict in any manner the rights of licensees to participate in the political process; to provide reasonable entertainment and hospitality; or to pay a commission, percentage or brokerage fee to a bona fide employee or bona fide established commercial or marketing agency retained by the licensee.

(12) Licensees shall not solicit or accept financial or other valuable consideration, either directly or indirectly, from contractors, suppliers, agents or other parties in return for endorsing, recommending or specifying their services or products in connection with work for employers or clients.

(13) Licensees shall not attempt to, directly or indirectly, injure the professional reputation, prospects of practice or employment of other licensees in a malicious, or false manner, or both.

(14) Licensees shall not reveal confidential, proprietary or privileged facts or data, or any other sensitive information obtained in a professional capacity without the prior consent of the client or employer except as authorized or required by law or rules of this board.

(15) Licensees having knowledge of any alleged violation of this Code shall cooperate with the proper authorities in furnishing information or assistance as may be required.

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