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THE STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING EXAMINERS**

**CHAPTER 0120-06  
CORPORATIONS, PARTNERSHIPS AND FIRMS**

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**0120-06-.01 DEFINITIONS.**

- (1) As used in this chapter:
  - (a) “Principal” means an architect, engineer or landscape architect registered in this state who has the authority to make independent design decisions. A principal is not required to be an officer in a corporation, partnership or firm.
  - (b) “Registrant” means a person licensed by the Board as an architect, engineer or landscape architect.
  - (c) “Resident registered architect, engineer or landscape architect” means an architect, engineer or landscape architect registered in this state who is employed full-time for a minimum of thirty (30) hours per week by a corporation, partnership or firm.

**Authority:** T.C.A. § 62-2-203(c). **Administrative History:** Original rule filed March 9, 2011; effective June 7, 2011.

**0120-06-.02 APPLICABILITY.** Unless otherwise indicated, the provisions of this chapter shall apply to architectural, engineering and landscape architectural corporations, partnerships or firms required to file a disclosure form and comply with the provisions of T.C.A. §§ 62-2-601 and 62-2-602.

**Authority:** T.C.A. § 62-2-203(c). **Administrative History:** Original rule filed March 9, 2011; effective June 7, 2011.

**0120-06-.03 DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS.**

- (1) Corporations, partnerships and firms offering architectural, engineering and landscape architectural services to the public must comply with the provisions of T.C.A. §§ 62-2-601 and 62-2-602.
- (2) An individual registrant practicing in the registrant’s own name as a sole proprietorship shall not be required to submit a disclosure form.

**Authority:** T.C.A. § 62-2-203(c). **Administrative History:** Original rule filed March 9, 2011; effective June 7, 2011. Amendment filed September 15, 2015; effective December 14, 2015.

**0120-06-.04 RESPONSIBLE CHARGE REQUIREMENTS.**

- (1) Only officers and principals who are employed full-time for a minimum of thirty (30) hours per week and who hold active Tennessee registration can be in responsible charge of a firm’s practice. A registrant who renders occasional, part-time, or consulting services to or for a firm may not be designated as an officer or principal in responsible charge.

(Rule 0120-06-.04, continued)

- (2) The officer or principal in responsible charge must be registered in the profession in which services are being offered.
- (3) An officer or principal may be in responsible charge of more than one firm only if the firms are at the same physical location.
- (4) Corporations, partnerships and firms maintaining any place of business in this state for the purpose of providing or offering to provide architectural, engineering or landscape architectural services to the public shall have, in responsible charge of such service at any and each place of business, a resident registered architect, engineer or landscape architect.
- (5) In the event of a change in the officer or principal in responsible charge, a firm cannot provide or offer design services to the public until such time as a new officer or principal in responsible charge is identified.

**Authority:** T.C.A. § 62-2-203(c). **Administrative History:** Original rule filed March 9, 2011; effective June 7, 2011.