

REQUEST FOR CHANGES PURSUANT TO G.S. 150B-21.10

AGENCY: Secretary of State

RULE CITATION: 18 NCAC 07C (note rule numbers within document)

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT: Tuesday, May 13, 2025**

**PLEASE NOTE:** *This request may extend to several pages. Please be sure you have reached the end of the document.*

The Rules Review Commission staff has completed its review of these Rules prior to the Commission's next meeting. The Commission has not yet reviewed these Rules and therefore there has not been a determination as to whether these Rules will be approved. You may email the reviewing attorney to inquire concerning the staff recommendation.

In reviewing these Rules, the staff recommends the following changes be made:

**18 NCAC 07C .0801, .0802, and .0803:** *Include 10B-36 in the authority for these rules. You already have it in .0804 and .0805, but it applies to the entire section.*

**18 NCAC 07C .0802:** *Why is this rule necessary? It appears that G.S. 10B-37(b)(4) would already let the phrase "State of North Carolina" satisfy the requirement.*

**18 NCAC 07C .0803:** *It appears that the effect of this rule in combination with .0802 limiting the seal to the specific requirements of 10B-37 or the additional "State of" language in "State of North Carolina." If that's correct, I think it would make more sense to combine .0802 and .0803 into one rule.*

*Consider: "A notary public's seal manufactured after the effective date of this Rule shall include no information or images other than those required by G.S. 10B-37 or the phrase "State of North Carolina." "*

Please retype the rules accordingly and resubmit it to our office at 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609.

1 18 NCAC 07C .0801 is adopted with changes as published in 39:13 NCR 816 as follows:

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3 **SECTION .0800 – ~~ELECTRONIC NOTARY ACT INVESTIGATION AND ENFORCEMENT~~**  
4 **~~RESERVED~~ TRADITIONAL PHYSICAL NOTARY SEAL**

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6 **18 NCAC 07C .0801 INITIAL SEAL**

7 An applicant or appointee for an initial commission as a notary public shall not order or purchase a seal until the  
8 applicant or appointee has complied with the requirements of Section .0400 of this Subchapter.

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10 *History Note: Authority G.S. 10B-4;*

11 *Eff. July 1, 2025.*

1 18 NCAC 07C .0802 is adopted as published in 39:13 NCR 817 as follows:

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3 **18 NCAC 07C .0802 SEAL IMAGE**

4 A notary public's seal shall be deemed by the Department to comply with G.S. 10B-37 if it contains the words "State  
5 of North Carolina" in lieu of the designations in G.S. 10B-37(b)(4).

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7 History Note: Authority G.S. 10B-4;

8 Eff. July 1, 2025.

1 18 NCAC 07C .0803 is adopted as published in 39:13 NCR 817 as follows:

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3 **18 NCAC 07C .0803 SEAL LIMITATION**

4 A notary public's seal manufactured after the effective date of this Rule shall include no information or images other  
5 than those required or permitted by G.S. 10B-37 and Rule .0802 of this Section.

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7 History Note: Authority G.S. 10B-4;

8 Eff. July 1, 2025.