

481—506.12(17A) Pleadings.

506.12(1) Pleadings. Pleadings may be required by rule, by the statement of charges and notice of hearing, or by order of the presiding officer.

506.12(2) Answer or appearance. An answer or appearance, if required, shall be filed by respondent within 20 days of service of the statement of charges and notice of hearing.

a. An answer or appearance will state the name, address, and telephone number of the person filing the answer; the person or entity on whose behalf it is filed; and the attorney representing that person, if any. If the attorney is not licensed to practice law in Iowa, the attorney must fully comply with Iowa Court Rule 31.14.

b. The presiding officer may refuse to consider any defense not raised in the answer that could have been raised on the basis of facts known when the answer was filed if any party would be prejudiced.

506.12(3) Amendments. Any notice of hearing or statement of charges may be amended before a responsive pleading has been filed. Otherwise, a party may amend a pleading only with the consent of the other parties or at the discretion of the presiding officer, who may impose terms or grant a continuance.

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