

## CHAPTER 8-02-04 PRACTICE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST

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### **8-02-04-01. Practice in the public interest.**

An architect or landscape architect shall always practice with the health, safety, and welfare interests of the public taking precedence over all other considerations.

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### **8-02-04-02. Responsibility to clients.**

Drawings and other instruments of service shall be clear, accurate, and complete for the purpose intended, namely, to provide the client the information required in making a decision. Indefinite, ambiguous, or incomplete drawings and specifications, particularly those intended for use as construction documents, are unfair to all persons concerned and detrimental to the public and to the profession. Such practice may be considered a justifiable cause for suspension or revocation of registration.

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### **8-02-04-03. Due care.**

An architect or landscape architect shall exercise due care and diligence in all aspects of the architect's or landscape architect's practice in order to safeguard the client and the public insofar as possible against inconvenience or loss due to errors or omissions. An architect or landscape architect shall at all times maintain close control over all services for which the architect or landscape architect is contractually responsible, including those assigned to consultants.

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### **8-02-04-04. Limitations of practice - Use of consultants.**

An architect or landscape architect shall assume only those duties and responsibilities which are normally considered as architectural or landscape architectural services, and shall not offer or perform services which are normally, and by law, required to be performed by other professions. An architect or landscape architect is expected to employ consultants for any services when, in the architect's or landscape architect's judgment, they will be performed more competently by consultants, and it is in the client's and the public's interests. An architect or landscape architect also shall be expected to exercise careful judgment in the architect's or landscape architect's selection of consultants, in order to provide the best possible services, for which the architect or landscape architect will be held responsible.

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