

RCW 26.09.194 Proposed temporary parenting plan—Temporary order—Amendment—Vacation of order. (1) A parent seeking a temporary order relating to parenting shall file and serve a proposed temporary parenting plan by motion. The other parent, if contesting the proposed temporary parenting plan, shall file and serve a responsive proposed parenting plan. Either parent may move to have a proposed temporary parenting plan entered as part of a temporary order. The parents may enter an agreed temporary parenting plan at any time as part of a temporary order. The proposed temporary parenting plan may be supported by relevant evidence and shall be accompanied by an affidavit or declaration which shall state at a minimum the following:

- (a) The name, address, and length of residence with the person or persons with whom the child has lived for the preceding twelve months;
- (b) The performance by each parent during the last twelve months of the parenting functions relating to the daily needs of the child;
- (c) The parents' work and child-care schedules for the preceding twelve months;
- (d) The parents' current work and child-care schedules; and
- (e) Any of the circumstances set forth in RCW 26.09.191 or 26.09.192 that are likely to pose a serious risk to the child and that warrant limitation on the award to a parent of temporary residence or time with the child pending entry of a permanent parenting plan.

(2) At the hearing, the court shall enter a temporary parenting order incorporating a temporary parenting plan which includes:

- (a) A schedule for the child's time with each parent when appropriate;
- (b) Designation of a temporary residence for the child;
- (c) Allocation of decision-making authority, if any. Absent allocation of decision-making authority consistent with RCW 26.09.187(2), neither party shall make any decision for the child other than those relating to day-to-day or emergency care of the child, which shall be made by the party who is present with the child;
- (d) Provisions for temporary support for the child; and
- (e) Restraining orders, if applicable, under RCW 26.09.060.

(3) A parent may make a motion for an order to show cause and the court may enter a temporary order, including a temporary parenting plan, upon a showing of necessity.

(4) A parent may move for amendment of a temporary parenting plan, and the court may order amendment to the temporary parenting plan, if the amendment conforms to the limitations of RCW 26.09.191 and 26.09.192 and is in the best interest of the child.

(5) If a proceeding for dissolution of marriage or dissolution of domestic partnership, legal separation, or declaration of invalidity is dismissed, any temporary order or temporary parenting plan is vacated. [2025 c 166 s 5; 2008 c 6 s 1045; 1987 c 460 s 13.]

Part headings not law—Severability—2008 c 6: See RCW 26.60.900 and 26.60.901.