

46-1-16 Official signature -- Official seal -- Seal impression.

- (1) In completing a notarial act, a notary shall sign on the notarial certificate exactly and only the name indicated on the notary's commission.
- (2)
 - (a) A notary shall keep an official notarial seal that is the exclusive property of the notary and that may not be used by any other person.
 - (b) Upon the resignation, revocation, or expiration of a notarial commission, the seal shall be destroyed.
 - (c) Each notarial seal obtained by a notary on or after July 1, 2003 shall use purple ink.
- (3)
 - (a) A new seal shall be obtained for any new commission or recommission.
 - (b) A new seal shall be obtained if the notary changes the notary's name of record at any time during the notary's commission.
 - (c) The seal impression shall be affixed near the notary's official signature on a notarial certificate and shall include a sharp, legible, and photographically reproducible ink impression of the notarial seal that consists of:
 - (i) the notary public's name exactly as indicated on the notary's commission;
 - (ii) the words "notary public," "state of Utah," and "my commission expires on (commission expiration date)";
 - (iii) for a notary seal issued on or after July 1, 2008, the notary's commission number, exactly as indicated on the notary's commission;
 - (iv) a facsimile of the great seal of the state; and
 - (v) a rectangular border no larger than one inch by two and one-half inches surrounding the required words and seal.
- (4) An embossed seal impression that is not photographically reproducible may be used in addition to, but not in place of, the photographically reproducible seal required in this section.
- (5) The notarial seal shall be affixed in a manner that does not obscure or render illegible any information or signatures contained in the document or in the notarial certificate.
- (6) A notary acknowledgment on an annexation, subdivision, or other map or plat is considered complete without the imprint of the notary's official seal if:
 - (a) the notary signs the acknowledgment in permanent ink; and
 - (b) the following appear below or immediately adjacent to the notary's signature:
 - (i) the notary's full name and commission number appears exactly as indicated on the notary's commission;
 - (ii) the words "A notary public commissioned in Utah"; and
 - (iii) the expiration date of the notary's commission.
- (7) A notary acknowledgment on an electronic message or document is considered complete without the imprint of the notary's seal if the following information appears electronically within the message:
 - (a) the notary's full name and commission number appearing exactly as indicated on the notary's commission; and
 - (b) the words "notary public," "state of Utah," and "my commission expires on_____ (date)".

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