

Title 42. Names

Chapter 1 Change of Name

42-1-1 By petition to district court -- Contents.

- (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2) and subject to Subsection (3), any natural person, desiring to change the natural person's name, may file a petition in the district court of the county where the natural person resides, setting forth:
 - (a) the cause for which the change of name is sought;
 - (b) the name proposed; and
 - (c) that the natural person has been a bona fide resident of the county for the year immediately prior to the filing of the petition.
- (2) A natural person who is an offender, as that term is defined in Section 64-13-1, may not file a petition in district court to change the natural person's name.
- (3)
 - (a) A natural person petitioning for a name change under this section shall indicate on the petition whether the individual is required to register under Title 53, Chapter 29, Sex, Kidnap, and Child Abuse Offender Registry.
 - (b) The court may request additional information from a natural person who is required to register under Title 53, Chapter 29, Sex, Kidnap, and Child Abuse Offender Registry, to make the determination described in Subsection 53-29-303(3).
- (4) The provisions of Title 76, Chapter 8, Part 5, Falsification in Official Matters, apply to this section when applicable.

Amended by Chapter 291, 2025 General Session

Amended by Chapter 299, 2025 General Session

42-1-2 Notice of hearing -- Order of change.

The court shall order what, if any, notice shall be given of the hearing, and after the giving of such notice, if any, may order the change of name as requested, upon proof in open court of the allegations of the petition and that there exists proper cause for granting the same.

No Change Since 1953

42-1-3 Effect of proceedings.

Such proceedings shall in no manner affect any legal action or proceeding then pending, or any right, title or interest whatsoever.

No Change Since 1953

Chapter 2 Conducting Business Under Assumed Name

42-2-5 Certificate of assumed and of true name -- Contents -- Execution -- Filing -- Notice.

- (1) For purposes of this section, "filed" means the Division of Corporations and Commercial Code has:
 - (a) received and approved, as to form, a document submitted under this chapter; and
 - (b) marked on the face of the document a stamp or seal indicating:
 - (i) the time of day and date of approval;
 - (ii) the name of the division; and
 - (iii) the division director's signature and division seal, or facsimiles of the signature or seal.
- (2) A person who carries on, conducts, or transacts business in this state under an assumed name, whether that business is carried on, conducted, or transacted as an individual, association, partnership, corporation, or otherwise, shall:
 - (a) file with the Division of Corporations and Commercial Code a certificate setting forth:
 - (i) the name under which the business is, or is to be carried on, conducted, or transacted;
 - (ii) the full true name, or names, of the person owning, and the person carrying on, conducting, or transacting the business; and
 - (iii) the location of the principal place of business, and the street address of the person; and
 - (b) designate, in accordance with Subsection 16-17-203(1), and maintain a registered agent in this state.
- (3) A certificate filed under this section shall be:
 - (a) executed by the person owning, and the person carrying on, conducting, or transacting the business;
 - (b) filed not later than 30 days after the time of commencing to carry on, conduct, or transact the business; and
 - (c) submitted in a machine printed format.
- (4) A certificate filed with the Division of Corporations and Commercial Code under this chapter shall include the following notice in a conspicuous place on the face thereof:

NOTICE - THE FILING OF THIS APPLICATION AND ITS APPROVAL BY THE
DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS AND COMMERCIAL CODE DOES NOT AUTHORIZE THE
USE IN THE STATE OF UTAH OF AN ASSUMED NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS
OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE UTAH CODE ANN.
SECTIONS 42-2-5 ET SEQ.).
- (5)
 - (a) A certificate filed under this section shall include a portion that allows the person filing the form to voluntarily disclose the gender and race of one or more owners of the entity for which the filing is made.
 - (b) Race shall be indicated under Subsection (5)(a) by selecting from the categories of race listed in 15 U.S.C. Sec. 631(f).
 - (c) A person is not required to provide information under Subsection (5)(a) concerning the gender or race of one or more owners of the entity for which the filing is made.
 - (d)
 - (i) The Division of Corporations and Commercial Code shall compile information concerning the gender or race included on certificates filed with the Division of Corporations and Commercial Code.
 - (ii) Information compiled by the Division of Corporations and Commercial Code under Subsection (5)(d)(i) may be compiled in a manner determined by the Division of Corporations and Commercial Code by rules made pursuant to Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.
- (6) A person who carries on, conducts, or transacts business in this state under an assumed name, whether that business is carried on, conducted, or transacted as an individual, association,

partnership, corporation, or otherwise, may change its registered agent or the address of its registered agent by filing with the division a statement of change in accordance with Section 16-17-206.

Amended by Chapter 341, 2015 General Session

42-2-6 Change in persons transacting business under assumed name.

An amended certificate shall be filed with the Division of Corporations and Commercial Code not later than 30 days after any change in the person or persons owning, carrying on, conducting, or transacting such business or a change in the registered agent or office of the business or in any information required to be filed with the Division of Corporations and Commercial Code under this act.

Amended by Chapter 66, 1984 General Session

42-2-6.6 Assumed name.

- (1) The assumed name:
 - (a) may not contain:
 - (i) a word or phrase that indicates or implies that the business is organized for a purpose other than a purpose contained in the business's application; or
 - (ii) for an assumed name that is changed or approved on or after May 4, 2022, the number sequence "911";
 - (b) shall be distinguishable from any registered name or trademark of record in the offices of the Division of Corporations and Commercial Code, as defined in Subsection 16-10a-401(5), except as authorized by the Division of Corporations and Commercial Code under Subsection (2);
 - (c) without the written consent of the United States Olympic Committee, may not contain the words:
 - (i) "Olympic";
 - (ii) "Olympiad"; or
 - (iii) "Citius Altius Fortius"; and
 - (d) an assumed name authorized for use in this state on or after May 1, 2000, may not contain the words:
 - (i) "incorporated";
 - (ii) "inc."; or
 - (iii) a variation of "incorporated" or "inc."
- (2) Notwithstanding Subsection (1)(d), an assumed name may contain a word listed in Subsection (1)(d) if the Division of Corporations and Commercial Code authorizes the use of the name by a corporation as defined in:
 - (a) Subsection 16-6a-102(27);
 - (b) Subsection 16-6a-102(36);
 - (c) Subsection 16-10a-102(11); or
 - (d) Subsection 16-10a-102(20).
- (3) The Division of Corporations and Commercial Code shall authorize the use of the name applied for if:
 - (a) the name is distinguishable from one or more of the names and trademarks that are on the division's records; or

- (b) the applicant delivers to the division a certified copy of the final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction establishing the applicant's right to use the name applied for in this state.
- (4) The assumed name, for purposes of recordation, shall be either translated into English or transliterated into letters of the English alphabet if the assumed name is not in English.
- (5) The Division of Corporations and Commercial Code may not approve an application for an assumed name to a person violating this section.
- (6) The director of the Division of Corporations and Commercial Code shall have the power and authority reasonably necessary to interpret and efficiently administer this section and to perform the duties imposed on the division by this section.
- (7) A name that implies by a word in the name that the business is an agency of the state or a political subdivision of the state, if the business is not actually such a legally established agency, may not be approved for filing by the Division of Corporations and Commercial Code.
- (8) Section 16-10a-403 applies to this chapter.
- (9)
 - (a) The requirements of Subsection (1)(d) do not apply to a person who filed a certificate of assumed and of true name with the Division of Corporations and Commercial Code on or before May 4, 1998, until December 31, 1998.
 - (b) On or after January 1, 1999, a person who carries on, conducts, or transacts business in this state under an assumed name shall comply with the requirements of Subsection (1)(d).

Amended by Chapter 102, 2024 General Session

42-2-7 Index -- Fees -- Evidence.

- (1) The Division of Corporations and Commercial Code shall:
 - (a) keep an active alphabetical index of all persons filing the certificates provided for in this chapter; and
 - (b) collect the required indexing and filing fees.
- (2) A copy of any such certificate certified by the Division of Corporations and Commercial Code shall be presumptive evidence of the facts contained in the certificate.

Amended by Chapter 222, 1988 General Session

42-2-8 Expiration of filing -- Notice -- Removal from active index.

A filing under this chapter shall be effective for a period of three years from the date of filing. At the expiration of that period, if no new filing is made by or on behalf of the person who made the original filing, the Division of Corporations and Commercial Code shall send a notice by regular mail, postage prepaid, to the address shown in the filing indicating that it has expired. If no new filing is made within 30 days after the date of mailing the notice, the Division of Corporations and Commercial Code shall remove the name from the active alphabetical index, and place it on a permanent inactive alphabetical index.

Amended by Chapter 66, 1987 General Session

42-2-9 Corporate names, limited liability company names, and trademark, service mark, and trade name rights not affected.

- (1) This chapter does not affect or apply to any corporation organized under the laws of any state if it does business under its true corporate name.

- (2)
- (a) This chapter does not affect the statutory or common law trademark, service mark, or trade name rights granted by state or federal statute.
 - (b) An act listed in Subsection (2)(c) of itself does not authorize the use in this state of an assumed name in violation of the rights of another as established under:
 - (i) this chapter;
 - (ii) Title 70, Chapter 3a, Registration and Protection of Trademarks and Service Marks Act;
 - (iii) the state law relating to names of corporations, partnerships, and other legal business entities;
 - (iv) the federal Trademark Act of 1946, 15 U.S.C. Section 1051 et seq.; or
 - (v) the common law, including rights in a trade name.
 - (c) Subsection (2)(b) applies to:
 - (i) a filing under this chapter;
 - (ii) an approval by the Division of Corporations and Commercial Code pursuant to this chapter; or
 - (iii) the use of an assumed name.
- (3) This chapter does not affect or apply to any limited liability company doing business in this state under its true name.

Amended by Chapter 318, 2002 General Session

42-2-10 Penalties.

Any person who carries on, conducts, or transacts business under an assumed name without having complied with the provisions of this chapter, and until the provisions of this chapter are complied with:

- (1) shall not sue, prosecute, or maintain any action, suit, counterclaim, cross complaint, or proceeding in any of the courts of this state; and
- (2) may be subject to a penalty in the form of a late filing fee determined by the division director in an amount not to exceed three times the fees charged under Section 42-2-7 and established under Section 63J-1-504.

Amended by Chapter 183, 2009 General Session

Chapter 3 Registration of Farm Names

42-3-1 Commissioner of agriculture and food to register names.

Any owner of a farm in this state may have the name of the owner's farm, together with a brief description of the owner's lands to which such name applies, recorded in a register kept for the purpose in the office of the commissioner of agriculture and food, and the commissioner of agriculture and food shall furnish to such landowner a proper certificate setting forth such name and a brief description of such lands. When any name shall have been so recorded it shall not be recorded as the name of any other farm.

Amended by Chapter 302, 2025 General Session

42-3-2 Recording fee.

Any person having the name of the person's farm so recorded shall first pay to the commissioner of agriculture and food a fee determined by the commissioner pursuant to Section 63J-1-504. This fee shall be transmitted to the General Fund.

Amended by Chapter 183, 2009 General Session

42-3-3 Transfer of name.

When any owner of a farm, the name of which has been recorded as provided in this chapter, transfers by deed or otherwise the whole of such farm, the transfer may include the registered name thereof; but, if the owner shall transfer only a portion of such farm, the registered name thereof shall not be deemed transferred, unless so stated in the conveyance.

No Change Since 1953

42-3-4 Cancellation by owner -- Fee.

When any owner of a registered farm desires to cancel its registered name, the owner shall write on the back of the certificate the following: "This name is canceled, and I hereby release all rights thereunder," and shall sign such statement in the presence of a witness and file the same in the office of the commissioner of agriculture and food. For such filing the commissioner of agriculture and food shall charge a fee determined by the commissioner pursuant to Section 63J-1-504, which shall be paid to the General Fund. The commissioner of agriculture and food shall, when such certificate so endorsed has been filed in the commissioner's office, write on the margin of the register of such name the word "canceled."

Amended by Chapter 183, 2009 General Session

42-3-5 Use of name by another -- Penalty.

It is a class B misdemeanor for any person other than the person in whose name a farm is registered to use such registered name for any other farm.

Amended by Chapter 148, 2018 General Session