Starting a new business?

Dear Citizen,

If you are considering starting a new business here in Surry County, N.C., we would like to share some very important information.

The Register of Deeds does not prepare legal documents nor do we have the necessary forms you may need to start your new business, and we cannot suggest the type of business forms you may need. In doing so, we suggest you contact your legal representative OR you may **click on the link below.** You will be directed to the proper place for information you need on starting your new business. You will also find a new "Web Fill In" Section for forms you can fill out and print for your convenience before recording them.

Certificate of Doing Business Under An Assumed Name (DBA)

(For LLC or Limited Liability Company Assuming a Name for Business)

Please visit Business Forms page located at the following link:
http://www.blnc.gov/start-your-business/business-forms

For Incorporating Your Business

Please visit the North Carolina Secretary of State's web site at:
http://www.secretary.state.nc.us/corporations/

If you are not finding the correct information for starting your business, we suggest you call the Secretary of State's office at (919) 807-2225. They will be glad to assist you.

Process for Filing your completed Forms in the County Register of Deeds office.

If you are ready to file or planning to file a certificate of (DBA) doing business under an assumed name, you may want to perform a name search to determine if the proposed business name has previously been taken or has already been filed in your county. The Register of Deeds Office **cannot** perform the name search for you but is happy to assist you with the name search.

Filing Fee for your completed forms:

$26.00 for first page thru the first 15 pages. And $4.00 for each page thereafter.

NC General Statute § 66-68 requires that ***"before any person or partnership engages in business in any county in this State under an assumed name or under any designation, name or style other than the real name of the owner or owners thereof, before any limited partnership engaged in business in any county in this State other than under the name set out in the Certificate filed with the Office of the Secretary of State or before a corporation engages in business in any county other than under its corporate name, such person, partnership, limited partnership, or corporation must file in the office of the register of deeds of such county a certificate...".***

Yours in Service,

Carolyn M Comer, Register of Deeds

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