



**NIAGARA COUNTY  
COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE  
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## **PROCEDURES FOR FILING A BUSINESS CERTIFICATE**

### **TO FILE FOR A BUSINESS CERTIFICATE IN PERSON YOU WILL NEED TO DO THE FOLLOWING:**

1. Come to the County Clerk's Office, located at 175 Hawley Street, Lockport, New York. Please use the Park Avenue entrance.
2. Choose a name for your business. It is recommended you have a second choice in mind in the event the first name is already in use in Niagara County.
3. When completing your form, you must use a physical street address for the address of the business. A post office box is not acceptable.
4. Bring photo identification for the Notary Public. (for example: a current New York State Drivers License or Passport)
5. A fee of \$36.00 is required - cash, check, money order, Master Card or Discover. Checks should be made payable to Niagara County Clerk. We do not accept debit cards. A small convenience fee applies when using a credit card.

The process will take about 10 minutes.

### **TO FILE FOR A BUSINESS CERTIFICATE BY MAIL YOU WILL NEED TO DO THE FOLLOWING:**

1. Purchase a Business Certificate Form from an office supply store.
2. When filing by mail there is a small chance that the name you have chosen is already in use. In that case we will return your certificate for you to choose a new name. Please include a phone number so we may reach you if we have any questions.
3. When completing your form, you must use a physical street address for the address of the business. A post office box is not acceptable.
4. Have your form notarized by a Notary Public.
5. Enclose a check or money order payable to the Niagara County Clerk in the amount of \$35.00.
6. Include a self-addressed stamped envelope in which we will mail you two certified copies.
7. Send your request to the following address: Niagara County Clerks Office, P.O. Box 461, Lockport, New York 14095.

You will receive your certified copies within 2-3 business days. If you have any questions, please call 716-439-7022.