

City of Auburn, Maine  
“Maine’s City of Opportunity”  
Office of the City Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF SOLE PROPRIETOR ADOPTING A NAME OTHER THAN OWN  
(Title 31 M. R. S. A. Section 2)

The undersigned hereby certifies that (s)he intends to engage in the  
\_\_\_\_\_ business, as sole proprietor thereof, and to  
(type of business)

adopt the name, style or designation of \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of business)  
in the conduct of said business.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Proprietor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Proprietor (signature must be witnessed by  
a Notary Public or attorney)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address  
Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Business Location Address (cannot be a PO Box)  
(MUST be in Auburn) Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home (or Cell) Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Business Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email

www.\_\_\_\_\_  
Business Website

**BELOW INFORMATION MUST BE COMPLETED BY A NOTARY PUBLIC OR ATTORNEY**

STATE OF MAINE

Androscoggin County, SS.

\_\_\_\_\_ A.D. 20\_\_

Then \_\_\_\_\_, personally appeared and made oath  
to the foregoing certificate that the same is true.

Before me,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Attorney or  
Notary Public (Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_)

Note: This certificate shall be deposited in the City of Auburn Office of the Clerk in which the business is to be carried on. The City Clerk’s Office is entitled to a fee of TEN dollars (\$10.00) for recording this certificate.

## Title 31

### MERCANTILE PARTNERSHIPS AND ASSUMED BUSINESS NAMES

#### Section 2.

##### Business under assumed name; filing of certificate

Whenever any person intends to engage in such business as sole proprietor thereof, and to adopt any business name, style, or designation other than his own name exclusively, he shall, before commencing business, deposit in the office of the clerk of the city or town in which such business is to be carried on a certificate signed and sworn to by him, setting forth his name and place of residence, the name, style or designation under which the business is to be conducted, and stating that he is the sole proprietor.

#### Section 3.

##### Statements of conclusive: perjury

A person signing and making oath to any certificate deposited as provided by sections 1 and 2 shall not be permitted in any judicial proceeding to contradict the statements contained in such certificate. Whoever swears or affirms to any such certificate which is not true in fact shall be deemed guilty of perjury.

#### Section 4.

##### Records

The clerks of several cities and towns shall record in suitable books, kept exclusively for the purpose, the certificates deposited under sections 1 and 2, and such book shall be open to public inspection.

#### Section 5.

##### Failure to file: penalty

Whoever fails to deposit seasonably the certificate required by sections 1 and 2 shall be punished by a fine of five dollars (\$5) for each day he is in default.

#### Section 6.

##### Prohibition of certain names

No person or persons, partnership or other entity engaged in any business, except a corporation, shall adopt a name for such business which contains the words "corporation", "incorporated", or "limited", or any abbreviation of any such words. A limited partnership may use the term "limited partnership" as a part of its name.

#### Section 7.

##### Inapplicable to corporations

Sections 1 and 2 do not apply to corporations. A corporation desiring to do business under an assumed name shall proceed as proved in Title 13-A, section 307.