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FICTITIOUS NAME NOTES

Florida Department of State Website: www.sunbiz.org

Search for a name in the fictitious name database. If the name is not already in use, you can now apply for that fictitious name. The name may not contain the word incorporated or corporation or either abbreviation.

The fictitious name registration general information page can be found at:
<https://Efile.sunbiz.org/corpweb/efiling/ficinfo.html>

The fictitious name registration costs \$50 for five years. The registration is valid until Dec. 31 of the fifth year.

You may then open a D.B.A. account at your bank under your personal or business account depending on how you file the fictitious name. Note that you may only have one D.B.A. account per bank account.

You may file a fictitious name under your personal account or your business account. You may have multiple fictitious names to be used as subsidiaries of your primary business. Note that the fictitious name passes all profits and responsibilities directly to the true owner. In many cases, it is much safer, though somewhat more involved, to own a true corporation.

You may complete the filing process and the payments on-line at www.sunbiz.org.