

State-by-state entity naming requirements for corporations and LLCs

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When selecting and protecting a name, a business entity must comply with myriad state and federal rules. Each jurisdiction has different laws that restrict naming options, and one misstep can result in a rejected filing. Some words or phrases are prohibited; others are required. In addition, name reservation, renewal, and transferability laws differ by state. A business entity must make sure that its name meets all of the requirements of all the states in which it will be doing business. This chart details these considerations. (This chart is limited to information for business corporations and LLCs. It does not include nonprofits, professional entities or special types of corporations or LLCs such as benefit corporations, benefit LLCs or L3Cs. Reference to the “statute” means the relevant corporation or LLC statute). The information in the chart was last updated in August 2022.

Jurisdiction	Required Words for Corporation Names CHOOSE ONE	Required Words for LLC Names CHOOSE ONE	Prohibited Words for Corporations & LLCs	Name Reservation Period for Corporations & LLCs	Is Reservation Renewable for Corporations & LLCs	Transferability for Corporations & LLCs
ALABAMA	“Corporation” “Incorporated” An abbreviation thereof	“Limited Liability Company” “LLC” “L.L.C.”	Both: Language implying the entity is organized for an impermissible purpose	Both: 1 year	Both: Renewable	Both: Yes
ALASKA	“Corporation” “Company” “Incorporated” “Limited” An abbreviation thereof	“Limited Liability Company” “L.L.C.” “LLC” “Limited” can be abbreviated as “Ltd.” and “Company” as “Co.”	Corp: Language stating/implying corporation is organized for impermissible purpose Both: “City,” “borough” or “village” or terms implying entity is a municipality	Both: 120 days	Both: Statute silent	Both: Yes
ARIZONA	“Association” “Bank” “Corporation” “Company” “Incorporated” “Limited” An abbreviation thereof or language of like import	“Limited Liability Company” “Limited Company” “L.L.C.” “L.C.” “LLC” “LC” Lowercase variations thereof	Corp.: 1) Language stating/implying entity is organized for any purpose other than that contained in its articles or permitted by law 2) “Limited Liability Company” or “Limited Company” or the abbreviations thereof 3) “Bank,” “Deposit,” “Credit Union,” “Trust,” or “Trust Company” separately or in combination unless the corporation is one. LLC: 1) “Corporation,” “Incorporated” or “Association” or any abbreviation thereof 2) “Bank,” “Deposit,” “Credit Union,” “Trust” or “Trust Company” separately or in combination unless the LLC is one	Both: 120 days	Both: Non renewable	Both: Yes

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ARKANSAS	<p>“Corporation” “Company” “Incorporated” “Limited” An abbreviation thereof</p>	<p>“Limited Liability Company” “Limited Company” “L.L.C.” “L.C.” “LLC” “LC” “Limited” can be abbreviated as “Ltd.” and “Company” as “Co.”</p>	<p>Corp.: Language stating/implying corporation is organized for impermissible purpose</p> <p>LLC: Statute silent</p>	Both: 120 days	<p>Corp.: Non renewable</p> <p>LLC: Maximum of 2 successive 120-day periods</p>	Both: Yes
CALIFORNIA	<p><i>This requirement applies to close corporations only:</i> “Corporation” “Incorporated” “Limited” An abbreviation thereof</p>	<p>“Limited Liability Company” “LLC” “L.L.C.” “Limited” can be abbreviated as “Ltd.” and “Company” as “Co.”</p>	<p>Both: “Bank,” “Trust,” “Trustee” or related words appear without proper authorization</p> <p>LLC: “Corporation” or “Incorporated” or any abbreviation thereof</p>	Both: 60 days	Both: Renewable (there must be one day between renewal periods)	<p>Corp.: No statutory provision LLC: Yes</p>
COLORADO	<p>“Corporation” “Incorporated” “Company” “Limited” An abbreviation thereof</p>	<p>“Limited Liability Company” “Limited” “L.L.C.” “LLC” “Limited” may be abbreviated as “Ltd.” and “Company” as “Co.”</p>	<p>Corp.: Language stating/implying corporation is organized for impermissible purpose</p> <p>LLC: No Statutory Provision</p>	Both: 120 days	Both: Renewable	Both: Yes
CONNECTICUT	<p>“Corporation” “Company” “Incorporated” “Limited” “Societa per Azioni” An abbreviation thereof</p>	<p>“Limited Liability Company” “L.L.C.” “LLC” “Limited” may be abbreviated as “Ltd.” and “Company” as “Co.”</p>	<p>Corp.: Language stating/implying corporation organized for purpose other than permitted in articles of incorporation</p> <p>LLC: Statute silent</p>	Both: 120 days	Both: Renewable	Both: Yes

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DELAWARE	"Association" "Company" "Corporation" "Club" "Foundation" "Fund" "Incorporated" "Institute" "Society" "Union" "Syndicate" "Limited" An abbreviation thereof or language of like import	"Limited Liability Company" "L.L.C." "LLC" "Association" "Company" "Club" "Foundation" "Fund" "Institute" "Society" "Union" "Syndicate" "Limited" "Trust" An abbreviation thereof or language of like import	Corp.: "Bank," or any variation thereof, unless business is a financial institution; however, such words can be used in a context clearly not referring to banking business or otherwise likely to mislead the public LLC: Statute silent	Both: 120 days	Both: Renewable	Both: Yes
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	"Corporation" "Company" "Incorporated" "Limited" An abbreviation thereof	"Limited Liability Company" "Limited Company" "L.L.C." "LLC" "L.C." "LC" "Limited" can be abbreviated as "Ltd." and "Company" as "Co."	Corp.: Language indicating/implying corporation organized for purpose other than purposes contained in articles Both: "Bank," "Banking," "Credit Union," "Insurance" or words of similar import, without the prior approval of the Mayor	Both: 120 days	Both: Statute silent	Both: Yes
FLORIDA	"Corporation" "Company" "Incorporated" An abbreviation thereof	"Limited Liability Company" "L.L.C." "LLC"	Both: Language stating/implying corporation or LLC is 1) Organized for an impermissible purpose 2) Connected with a state or federal government agency or a corporation chartered under US law	Both: 120 days	Both: Non renewable	Both: Yes

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GEORGIA	<p>“Corporation” “Company” “Incorporated” “Limited” An abbreviation thereof or language of like import</p>	<p>“Limited Liability Company” “Limited Company” “L.L.C.” “LLC” “L.C.” “LC” “Limited” may be abbreviated as “Ltd.” And “Company” as “Co.”</p>	<p>Both: Name must not exceed 80 characters including spaces and punctuation</p> <p>Corp.: 1) Language stating or implying that the corporation is organized for an impermissible purpose 2) Obscene language</p>	<p>Both: 30 days or until articles of incorporation or articles of organization are filed, whichever is sooner</p>	<p>Both: Non renewable (However name may be reserved again if available)</p>	<p>Both: Yes</p>
HAWAII	<p>“Corporation” “Incorporated” “Limited” An abbreviation thereof</p>	<p>“Limited Liability Company” “LLC” “L.L.C.” Limited may be abbreviated as “Ltd.” Company may be abbreviated as “Co.”</p>	<p>Corp.: Language stating/implying corporation is organized for impermissible purpose</p> <p>LLC: Statute silent</p>	<p>Both: 120 days</p>	<p>Both: Statute silent</p>	<p>Both: Yes</p>
IDAHO	<p>“Corporation” “Company” “Incorporated” “Limited” An abbreviation thereof or language of like import if the word “company” or its abbreviation is used it shall not be immediately preceded by the word “and” or by an abbreviation of or symbol representing the word “and.”</p>	<p>“Limited Liability Company” “Limited Company” “L.L.C.” “LLC” “L.C.” “LC” “Limited” may be abbreviated as “Ltd.” and “Company” as “Co.”</p>	<p>Both.: Language falsely stating or implying government affiliation or stating or implying that the entity is organized for an impermissible purpose</p>	<p>Both: 120 days</p>	<p>Statute silent</p>	<p>Both: Yes</p>

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ILLINOIS	<p>“Corporation” “Company” “Incorporated” “Limited” An abbreviation thereof</p> <p>Additional Requirements: Such words must be separate and apart from any other word/ abbreviation in name</p> <p>Special requirements apply for trusts, pawn societies and cooperatives</p>	<p>“Limited liability company” “L.L.C.” “LLC”</p> <p>Additional Requirements: If organized to accept and execute trusts, name must contain “trust”</p>	<p>Both: May not contain a word or phrase, or an abbreviation or derivation thereof, the use of which is prohibited or restricted by any other statute of this State unless the restriction has been complied with</p> <p>Corp.: Language stating/implying that the corporation is authorized or empowered to conduct the business of</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Insurance, assurance, indemnity or the acceptance of savings deposits 2) Banking, unless otherwise allowed by the Commissioner of Banks and Real Estate pursuant to the Illinois Banking Act 3) A corporate fiduciary, unless otherwise allowed by the Corporate Fiduciary Act <p>LLC:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) “Corporation,” “Corp.,” “Incorporated,” “Inc.,” “Ltd.,” “Co.,” “Limited Partnership” or “L.P.” 2) A fiduciary unless otherwise allowed by the Corporate Fiduciary Act 	Both: 90 days	Both: Statute silent	Both: Yes
INDIANA	<p>“Corporation” “Company” “Incorporated” “Limited” An abbreviation thereof or language of like import</p>	<p>“Limited Liability Company” “L.L.C.” “LLC”</p>	Both: Language falsely indicating a connection with a government agency.	Both: 120 days	Both: Renewable	Both: Yes
IOWA	<p>“Corporation” “Incorporated” “Company” “Limited” An abbreviation thereof or language of like import</p>	<p>“Limited Liability Company” “Limited Company” “L.L.C.” “LLC” “L.C.” “LC” “Limited” may be abbreviated as “Ltd.” and “Company” as “Co.”</p>	<p>Corp.: Language stating/implying corporation organized for impermissible purpose</p> <p>LLC: Statute silent</p>	Both: 120 days	<p>Corp.: Non renewable</p> <p>LLC: Statute silent</p>	Both: Yes

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KANSAS	<p>“Corporation” “Incorporated” “Company” “Limited” “Association” “Church” “College” “Club” “Foundation” “Fund” “Institute” “Society” “Union” “University” “Syndicate” “corp.” “co.” “inc.” “ltd.”</p> <p>Additional Requirement: Special rules apply to banks</p>	<p>“Limited Liability Company” “Limited Company” “L.L.C.” “L.C.” “LLC” “LC”</p> <p>Additional Consideration: May contain one of the following words or an abbreviation there of “Company” “Association” “Club” “Foundation” “Fund” “Institute” “Society” “Union” “Syndicate” “Limited” “Trust” or abbreviations of like import</p>	<p>Both: Statute silent</p>	<p>Both: 120 days</p>	<p>Both: Statute silent</p>	<p>Both: Yes</p>
KENTUCKY	<p>Must end with “Corporation” “Company” “Limited” Or the abbreviation “corp.”, “inc.”, “co.” or “ltd.”</p>	<p>Must end with “Limited Liability Company” “Limited Company” “LLC” “LC” “Limited” can be abbreviated as “Ltd.” and “Company” as “Co.”</p>	<p>Corp.: Language stating/implying corporation organized for an impermissible purpose</p> <p>LLC: Statute silent</p>	<p>Both: 120 days</p>	<p>Both: Renewable</p>	<p>Both: Yes</p>

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LOUISIANA	<p>“Corporation”</p> <p>“Incorporated”</p> <p>“Company”</p> <p>“Limited”</p> <p>An abbreviation thereof</p>	<p>“Limited liability company”</p> <p>“L.L.C.”</p> <p>“LC”</p>	<p>Both:</p> <p>(a) Any language stating or implying that the corporation or LLC is organized for a purpose other than that permitted by law and its articles of incorporation/organization.</p> <p>(b) The phrase “doing business as” or any abbreviation of that phrase, such as “d/b/a”.</p> <p>(c) Any words that deceptively or falsely suggest a charitable or nonprofit nature or that imply that the corporation or LLC is an administrative agency of this state or any of its political subdivisions or of the United States.</p> <p>(d) “bank”, “banker”, “banking”, “savings”, “safe deposit”, “trust”, “trustee”, “building and loan”, “homestead”, “credit union” or insurance without permission.</p> <p>(e) Words or phrases that consist of or comprise immoral, deceptive, or scandalous matter.</p>	Both: 120 days	Both: Non renewable	Both: Yes
MAINE	Statute silent	<p>“Limited Liability Company”</p> <p>“Limited Company”</p> <p>“L.L.C.”</p> <p>“LLC”</p> <p>“L.C.”</p> <p>“LC”</p> <p>“Limited” can be abbreviated as “Ltd.” and “Company” as “Co.”</p>	<p>Corp: Language stating/implying corporation is organized for an impermissible purpose</p> <p>LLCs: Language that is obscene, inappropriately promotes abusive or unlawful activity or falsely suggests an association with public institutions</p>	Both: 120 days	Both: Non renewable	Both: Yes

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MARYLAND	<p>“Corporation” “Incorporated” “Limited” An abbreviation thereof</p> <p>Additional Requirement: “Company” or “Co.” may be used provided they are not immediately preceded by “and” or “&”</p>	<p>“Limited liability company” “L.L.C.” “LLC” “L.C.” “LC”</p>	<p>Both: Language indicating/implying entity is organized an impermissible purpose</p>	Both: 30 days	Both: Statute silent	Both: Yes
MASSACHUSETTS	<p>“Corporation” “Incorporated” “Company” “Limited” An abbreviation thereof</p>	<p>“Limited Liability Company” “Limited Company” “L.L.C.” “L.C.” “LLC” “LC”</p>	<p>Corp.: Language stating/implying corporation is organized for an impermissible purpose</p> <p>LLC: Statute silent</p>	Both: 60 days	Both: Renewable for one 60-day period	Both: Yes
MICHIGAN	<p>“Corporation” “Incorporated” “Company” “Limited” An abbreviation thereof</p>	<p>“Limited Liability Company” “L.L.C.” “LLC”</p>	<p>Both: Language stating/implying entity organized for an impermissible purpose</p> <p>Corp.: “Bank,” “Industrial Bank,” “Deposit,” “Surety,” “Security,” “Trust” or “Trust company” unless that is its business or it is clear that the business conducted does not include banking</p> <p>LLC: “Corporation,” “Incorporated” or abbreviations thereof</p>	Both: 6 calendar months	Both: Statute silent	Both: Yes
MINNESOTA	<p>“Corporation” “Incorporated” “Limited” An abbreviation thereof</p> <p>Additional Requirement: “Company” or “Co.” may be used provided they are not immediately preceded by “and” or “&”</p>	<p>“Limited liability company” “LLC”</p>	<p>Both: Language stating/implying entity is organized for impermissible purpose</p> <p>LLC: “Corporation,” “Incorporated” or abbreviations thereof</p>	Both: 12 months	Both: Renewable	Both: Yes

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MISSISSIPPI	"Corporation" "Incorporated" "Company" "Limited" An abbreviation thereof	"Limited Liability Company" "L.L.C." "LLC"	Corp.: Language stating/implying entity is organized for impermissible purpose LLC: 1) "Corporation," "Incorporated," "Partnership" or "Limited Partnership" or abbreviations thereof 2) "Bank," "Bankers," "Banking," "Trust," "Trust Company," or "Insurance Company"	Both: 180 days	Both: May be renewed once	Both: Yes
MISSOURI	"Corporation" "Incorporated" "Company" "Limited" Can end with an abbreviation thereof	"Limited Liability Company" "Limited Company" "L.L.C." "LLC" "L.C." "LC"	Both: Language stating/implying corporation or LLC 1) Is organized for impermissible purpose 2) Is any governmental agency LLC: "Corporation," "Incorporated," "Limited partnership," "Limited Liability Partnership," "Limited Liability Limited Partnership," "Ltd." or abbreviations thereof	Both: 60 days	Both: Renewable for a total of 180 days	Corp.: Yes LLC: Statute silent
MONTANA	"Corporation" "Incorporated" "Company" "Limited" An abbreviation thereof	"Limited Liability Company" "Limited Company" "L.L.C." "LLC" "L.C." "LC" "Limited" can be abbreviated as "Ltd." and "Company" as "Co."	Corp.: Language stating/implying entity is organized for impermissible purpose LLC: Business entity identifiers or language that states or implies that the limited liability company is a business other than a limited liability company.	Both: 120 days	Both: Non renewable	Both: Yes
NEBRASKA	"Corporation" "Incorporated" "Company" "Limited" An abbreviation thereof Additional Requirement: Special rules apply to banks	"Limited Liability Company" "Limited Company" "L.L.C." "LLC" "L.C." "LC" "Limited" can be abbreviated as "Ltd." and "Company" as "Co."	Corp.: Language stating/implying entity is organized for impermissible purpose LLC: Statute silent	Both: 120 days	Both: Non renewable	Both: Yes

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NEVADA	No required words. However, a name appearing to be that of a natural person and containing a given name or initials must also contain: "Incorporated" "Limited" "Company" "Corporation" or an abbreviation thereof or other words which identify the corporation as not being a natural person	"Limited Liability Company" "Limited-Liability Company" "Limited Company" "Limited" "L.L.C." "LLC" "L.C." "LC" "Ltd." "Company" may be abbreviated as "Co."	Corp.: Statute silent LLC: Must obtain consent from appropriate agency to use terms related to banking, insurance, licensed professions or home-owners associations; consult statute for details	Both: 90 days	Both: Statute silent	Both: Statute silent
NEW HAMPSHIRE	"Corporation" "Incorporated" "Limited" An abbreviation thereof	"Limited Liability Company" "L.L.C." A similar abbreviation	Both: Language stating/implying entity is organized for impermissible purpose	Both: 120 days	Both: Renewable	Both: Yes
NEW JERSEY	"Corporation" "Incorporated" "Company" An abbreviation of one of those words or "Ltd."	"Limited Liability Company" "L.L.C." "Limited" may be abbreviated as "Ltd.", and "company" may be abbreviated as "Co."	Corp.: Language stating/implying entity is organized for impermissible purpose Both: 1) Any word, phrase or abbreviation prohibited or restricted by any other statute, unless restrictions are complied with	Both: 120 days	Both: Renewable	Both: Yes
NEW MEXICO	"Corporation" "Incorporated" "Company" "Limited" An abbreviation thereof	"Limited Liability Company" "Limited Company" "L.L.C." "LLC" "L.C." "LC" "Limited" may be abbreviated as "Ltd." and "Company" as "Ltd"	Corp.: Language stating/implying entity is organized for impermissible purpose LLC: Statute silent	Both: 120 days	Both: Statute silent	Both: Yes

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NEW YORK	<p>“Corporation” “Incorporated” “Limited” An abbreviation thereof</p>	<p>“Limited Liability Company” “L.L.C.” “LLC”</p>	<p>Both: Must obtain consent from appropriate agency to use terms related to licensed professions or businesses. Consult statute for details.</p> <p>No language considered obscene, derogatory, or that states/implies any unlawful activity or unauthorized purpose.</p> <p>“Board of Trade,” “Chamber of Commerce,” “Community Renewal,” “State Police,” “State Trooper,” “Tenant Relocation,” “Urban Development” and “Urban Relocation”</p> <p>“Urban Relocation”</p>	Both: 60 days	Both: Renewable no more than two times	<p>Corp.: Yes</p> <p>LLC: Statute silent</p>
NORTH CAROLINA	<p>“Corporation” “Incorporated” “Company” “Limited” An abbreviation thereof</p>	<p>“Limited Liability Company” “L.L.C.” “LLC” “Ltd. Liability Co.” “Limited Liability Co.” “Ltd. Liability Company”</p>	Both: Language stating/implying entity is organized for impermissible purpose	Both: 120 days	Both: Non renewable	Both: Yes
NORTH DAKOTA	<p>“Corporation” “Incorporated” “Company” “Limited” An abbreviation thereof</p>	<p>“Limited Liability Company” “L.L.C.” “LLC”</p>	<p>Both: Language stating/implying entity is organized for impermissible purpose</p> <p>Corp.: “Limited Liability Company,” “Limited Partnership,” “Limited Liability Limited Partnership” or abbreviation thereof</p> <p>LLC: “Corporation,” “Incorporated,” “Limited,” “Limited Partnership,” “Limited Liability Limited Partnership” or abbreviations thereof</p>	Both: 12 months	Both: Renewable	Both: Yes

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OHIO	<p>“Corporation” “Incorporated” “Company” An abbreviation thereof</p>	<p>“Limited Liability Company” “LLC” “L.L.C.” “Limited” “Ltd.” “Ltd”</p>	<p>Corp.: Any language that indicates or implies that the corporation is connected with a government agency of Ohio, another state or the United States</p> <p>LLC: Statute silent</p>	Both: 180 days	Both: Statute silent	Both: Yes
OKLAHOMA	<p>“Association” “Company” “Corporation” “Club” “Foundation” “Fund” “Incorporated” “Institute” “Society” “Union” “Syndicate” “Limited” An abbreviation thereof</p>	<p>“Limited Liability Company” “Limited Company” “L.L.C.” “LLC” “L.C.” “LC” “Limited” may be abbreviated as “Ltd.” and “Company” as “Co.”</p>	Both: Statute silent	Both: 60 days	Both: Statute silent	Both: Yes
OREGON	<p>“Corporation” “Incorporated” “Company” “Limited” An abbreviation thereof</p>	<p>“Limited Liability Company” “L.L.C.” “LLC”</p>	<p>Corp.: “Cooperative”</p> <p>LLC: “Corporation,” “Incorporated,” “Limited,” “Limited Partnership,” “Limited Liability Partnership” or abbreviations thereof</p>	Both: 120 days	Both: Statute silent	Both.: Yes
PENNSYLVANIA	<p>“Corporation” “Company” “Incorporated” “Limited” An abbreviation thereof</p> <p>“Association” “Fund” “Syndicate”</p>	<p>“Company” “Limited” “Limited liability company” An abbreviation thereof</p>	<p>Both:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Must obtain consent from appropriate agency to use terms related to licensed professions, institutions or businesses; consult statute for details 2) No language considered obscene, indecent, derogatory or states/implies any unlawful activity 	Both: 120 days	Both: Statute silent	Both: Yes

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RHODE ISLAND	"Corporation" "Incorporated" "Company" "Limited" An abbreviation thereof	Shall end with "Limited -Liability Company" "L.L.C." in upper or lower case letters with or without punctuation	Corp.: Language stating/implying entity is organized for impermissible purpose LLC: Statute silent	Both: 120 days	Both.: Non renewable	Both: Yes
SOUTH CAROLINA	"Corporation" "Incorporated" "Company" "Limited" An abbreviation thereof	"Limited Liability Company" "Limited Company" "L.L.C." "LLC" "L.C." "LC" "Limited" can be abbreviated as "Ltd." and "Company" as "Co."	Corp.: No language that states/implies any unlawful activity LLC: Statute silent	Both: 120 days	Both: Non renewable	Both: Yes
SOUTH DAKOTA	"Corporation" "Incorporated" "Company" "Limited" An abbreviation thereof	"Limited Liability Company" "Limited Company" "L.L.C." "LLC" "L.C." "LC" "Limited" can be abbreviated as "Ltd." and "Company" as "Co."	Corp.: Language stating/implying entity is organized for impermissible purpose LLC: Statute silent	Both: 120 days	Both: Non renewable LLC: Cannot reserve same name for at least 60 days after reservation period expires	Both: Yes

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TENNESSEE	<p>“Corporation” “Incorporated” “Company” An abbreviation thereof</p>	<p>“Limited Liability Company” “L.L.C.” “LLC”</p>	<p>Both: 1) Language stating/implying entity is organized for impermissible purpose 2) Language stating/ implying the entity: a) does business or has the power to do business for which authorization is required unless authorized granted b) is organized as, affiliated with or sponsored by, any fraternal, veterans’, service, religious, charitable or professional organization unless certified in writing c) is an agency or instrumentality of, affiliated with or sponsored by the United States or this state or a subdivision or agency thereof, unless certified in writing</p> <p>LLC: corporation incorporation an abbreviation thereof</p>	Both: 4 months	Both: Non renewable	Both: Yes
TEXAS	<p>“Corporation” “Incorporated” “Company” “Limited” An abbreviation thereof</p>	<p>“Limited Liability Company” “Limited Company” An abbreviation thereof</p>	<p>Both.: Language stating/implying entity is organized for impermissible purpose</p>	Both: 120 days	Both.: Renewable	Both: Yes
UTAH	<p>“Corporation” “Incorporated” “Company” An abbreviation thereof</p> <p>Exception: Does not apply to depository institutions</p>	<p>“Limited company” “Limited liability company” “L.C.” “LC” “L.L.C.” “LLC” “Limited” may be abbreviated as “Ltd.” and “Company” may be abbreviated as “Co.”</p>	<p>Both: 1) Language stating/implying entity is organized for impermissible purpose 2) Specific terms related to Olympics prohibited without consent 3) “University,” “College,” “Institute” or “Institution” without written consent</p> <p>LLC: “association”, “corporation”, “incorporated”, “partnership”, “limited partnership”; “LP”</p>	Both: 120 days	<p>Corp.: Renewable</p> <p>LLCs: Statute silent</p>	Both: Yes

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Jurisdiction	Required Words for Corporation Names CHOOSE ONE	Required Words for LLC Names CHOOSE ONE	Prohibited Words for Corporations & LLCs	Name Reservation Period for Corporations & LLCs	Is Reservation Renewable for Corporations & LLCs	Transferability for Corporations & LLCs
VERMONT	"Corporation" "Incorporated" "Company" "Limited" "Corp." "Inc." "Co." "Ltd."	"Limited Liability Company" "Limited Company" "L.L.C." "LLC" "L.C." "LC" Limited" may be abbreviated as "Ltd." and "Company" may be abbreviated as "Co."	Corp.: 1) Language stating/implying entity is organized for impermissible purpose 2) "Cooperative" or abbreviation thereof is not permitted unless corporation is a cooperative 3) A corporate name shall not include any word not otherwise authorized by law. LLC: Statute silent	Both: 120 days	Both: Maximum of 2 successive 120-day periods	Both: Yes
VIRGINIA	"Corporation" "Incorporated" "Company" "Limited" "Corp." "Inc." "Co." "Ltd."	"Limited liability company" "Limited company" "LLC" "LC" "L.L.C." "L.C."	Corp.: 1) Language stating/implying corporation will engage in certain special businesses unless this is its business 2) Only urban redevelopment corporations may use the word "redevelopment" 3) Language stating or implying it is a LLC, LP, RLLP, or protected series 4) A word or phrase prohibited by law LLC: Language stating or implying it is a corporation, LP, RLLP, or protected series A word or phrase prohibited by law	Both: 120 days	Both: Renewable	Both: Yes

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WASHINGTON	<p>“Corporation” “Incorporated” “Company” “Limited”</p> <p>“Corp.” “Inc.” “Co.” “Ltd.”</p>	<p>“Limited Liability Company” “Limited Liability Co.” “L.L.C.” “LLC”</p>	<p>Both:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Language stating/implying entity is organized for impermissible purpose 2) “Bank,” “Banking,” “Banker,” “Trust,” “Cooperative” or any combination of the words 3) “Industrial” and “Loan” 4) Any combination of any two or more of: “Building,” “Savings,” “Loan,” “Home,” “Association” and “Society” or any other words or phrases prohibited by any Washington statute <p>LLC: “Cooperative”, “Partnership”, “Corporation,” “Incorporated,” or the abbreviations “Corp.,” “Ltd.,” or “Inc.,” or “LP,” “L.P.,” “LLP,” “L.L.P.,” “LLL,” “L.L.L.P.” or any words or phrases prohibited by any statute of this state.</p>	Both: 180 days	Both: Statute silent	Both: Yes
WEST VIRGINIA	<p>“Corporation” “Incorporated” “Company” “Limited” An abbreviation thereof</p>	<p>“Limited Liability Company” “Limited Company” “L.L.C.” “LLC” “L.C.” “LC” Limited” may be abbreviated as “Ltd.” and “Company” may be abbreviated as “Co.”</p>	<p>Corp.: Language stating/implying entity is organized for impermissible purpose</p> <p>LLC: Statute silent</p>	Both: 120 days	<p>Corp.: Non renewable</p> <p>LLC: Renewable for one additional 120-day period</p>	Both: Yes
WISCONSIN	<p>“Corporation” “Incorporated” “Company” “Limited” An abbreviation thereof</p>	<p>“Limited Liability Company” “Limited Company” “L.L.C.” or “LLC” “Limited” may be abbreviated as “Ltd.” and “Company” may be abbreviated as “Co.”</p>	<p>Both: Language stating/implying entity is organized for impermissible purpose</p>	Both: 120 days	Both: Renewable	Both: Yes

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WYOMING	Statute silent	"Limited Liability Company" "LLC" "L.L.C." "Limited Company" "LC" "L.C." "Ltd. Liability Company" "Ltd. Liability Co." "Limited Liability Co."	Both: Language stating/implying entity is organized for impermissible purpose LLC: Terms implying LLC is a corporation, statutory close corporation or nonprofit corporation	Both: 120 days	Corp.: Non renewable LLC: Statute silent	Both: Yes

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