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Change to Business Trade Name Process Effective January 1, 2020

There will be a change to one of the key steps in starting a business in Loudoun County in 2020. As of January 1, 2020, new business based in Loudoun County must register their fictitious business or trade name with the Virginia State Corporation Commission. The Loudoun County Clerk of the Circuit Court will no longer accept new certificates of assumed or fictitious names.

The new requirement is a result of an amendment to the [Code of Virginia, Chapter 59.1-69](#) adopted by the Virginia General Assembly.

The Loudoun Clerk of the Circuit Court will continue to accept filings for cancellations of certificates if the original certificate was filed in Loudoun County.

“My staff and I have enjoyed working with residents who launched a business in Loudoun and assisting them with the filing of their business name applications,” said Clerk of the Circuit Court Gary M. Clemens. “I fully expect that the Virginia State Corporation Commission will offer the same level of service that my office has offered Loudoun residents.”

More information about fictitious names and the legal process for businesses is posted on the [State Corporation Commission website](#).

More information about the services of the Loudoun County Clerk of the Circuit Court’s office is online at loudoun.gov/clerk.

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