#### Maryland State Department of Assessments & Taxation

The directors/stockholders/general partner/authorized person of

# RESOLUTION TO CHANGE PRINCIPAL OFFICE OR RESIDENT AGENT

(Name of Entity) organized under the laws of\_\_\_\_\_ \_passed the following resolution: (State) (Check applicable boxes) The principal office is changed from: (old address) to: (new address) The name and address of the resident agent is changed from: to: I certify under penalties of perjury the foregoing is true. Signed Secretary or Assistant Secretary General Partner **Authorized Person** I hereby consent to my designation in this document as resident agent for this entity. Signed Resident Agent



# CHANGING THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE OR RESIDENT AGENT OF A CORPORATION, LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY OR LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP IN MARYLAND

## I. Maryland and Foreign Corporations

- (A) Notice by corporation of designation or change of principal office or resident agent
- 1. A corporation may designate or change its resident agent or principal office by filing for record with the Department a certified copy of a resolution of its board of directors which authorizes the designation or change.
- 2. A corporation may change the address of its resident agent by filing for record with the Department a statement of the change signed by its president or one of its vice presidents.
- 3. A designation or change of a corporation's principal office or its resident agent or his address is effective when the Department accepts the resolution or statement for record.

	SAMPLE RESOLUTION IS AS F	LOWS:
	"The Board of Directors of (N	1E OF CORPORATION), a corporation organized in (NAME OF STATE WHERE ORGANIZED) on
	(DATE) duly approved a reso	on as follows:
	RESOLVED: That the (principe	office or resident agent - INSERT WHICHEVER APPLICABLE) of the corporation is changed
	to	·
		certify under the penalties of perjury that to the best of my knowledge, information, and s true in all material respects.
	I hereby consent to my designation in this document as resident agent for this corporation.	
	SIGNED:	Resident Agent"
NOI	<b>TE:</b> For close corporations which h	e made an election to have no board of directors, the word "stockholders" should be
inse	rted in the foregoing resolution in	ace of the word "directors."

- (B) Notice by resident agent of change of address
- 1. A resident agent who changes his address in Maryland should notify the Department of the change by filing for record with the Department a statement of the change signed by him or on his behalf.
- 2. The statement shall include:
  - 1. The names of the corporations for which the change is effective;
  - 2. His old and new addresses; and
  - 3. The date on which the change is effective.
- 3. If the old and new addresses of the resident agent are the same as the old and new addresses of the principal office of the corporation, the statement should include a change of address for the principal office if:
  - 1. The resident agent notifies the corporation in writing; and
  - 2. The statement recites that he has done so.
- 4. The change of address of the resident agent or principal office is effective when the Department accepts the statement for record.
- (C) Resignation of resident agent
  - 1. A resident agent may resign by filing with the Department a counterpart or photocopy of the signed resignation.
  - 2. Unless a later time is specified in the resignation, it is effective:
    - 1. At the time it is filed with the Department, if the corporation has more than one resident agent; or
    - 2. Ten days after it is filed with the Department if the corporation has only one resident agent.



# II. Maryland and Foreign Limited Partnerships, Limited Liability Companies and Limited Liability Partnerships

- (A) A limited partnership, limited liability company or limited liability partnership may change its resident agent or principal office by filing for record with the Department a statement signed by one of its general partners or authorized person for a limited liability company which authorizes the designation or change. The new resident agent must also sign.
- (B) A limited partnership, limited liability company or limited liability partnership may change the address of its resident agent by filing for record with the Department a statement of the change signed by one of its general partners or authorized person for a limited liability company.
- (C) A change of a principal office or resident agent or address of the resident agent for a limited partnership, limited liability company or limited liability partnership is effective when the Department accepts the statement for record.
- (D) A resident agent who changes his address in the State should notify the Department of the change by filing for record with the Department a statement of the change signed by him or on his behalf. The statement shall include:
  - 1. The name of the limited partnership, limited liability company or limited liability partnership for which the change is effective;
  - 2. The old and new address of the resident agent; and
  - 3. The date on which the change is effective.
- (E) If the old and new addresses of the resident agent are the same as the old and new addresses of the principal office of the limited partnership, the statement should include a change of address for the principal office if:
  - 1. The resident agent notifies the limited partnership, limited liability company or limited liability partnership in writing; and
  - 2. The statement recites that he or she has done so
- (F) The change of address of the resident agent or principal office is effective when the Department accepts the statement for record.
- (G) A resident agent may resign by filing with the Department a counterpart or photocopy of his or her signed resignation. Unless a later time is specified in the resignation, it is effective:
  - 1. At the time it is filed with the Department, if the limited partnership has more than one resident agent; or
  - 2. Ten days after it is filed with the Department if the corporation has only one resident agent.

#### III. Other Information

- (A) A resident agent of a foreign or domestic corporation, limited partnership, limited liability company or limited liability partnership shall be either:
  - 1. A citizen of Maryland who resides in Maryland; or
  - 2. An active Maryland corporation.
- (B) Fees The fee to file a notice of change of principal office, resident agent, or resident agent's address is \$25.00 per corporation, limited partnership, limited liability company or limited liability partnership. There is no fee for a resident agent to resign.
- (C) If legal questions arise regarding the change of principal office, resident agent or resident agent's address, you should consult an attorney and/or Corporations and Associations Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. The Annotated Code of Maryland can be found in most public libraries in Maryland. Section 2-108 of the Code is relevant to changing the principal office, resident agent and resident agent's address.
- (D) Walk-in processing of documents is done only upon payment of an expedited fee: \$50.00 to file a document, \$20.00 to receive a certificate of status, \$20.00 to receive copies of a document. These fees are in addition to the normal fees charged. Expedited service requests may also be made by mail. In bold print on both a cover letter and on the envelope state "EXPEDITED SERVICE REQUESTED" and include the expedited fee.



#### NOTES:

- 1. Due to the fact that the laws governing the formation and operation of business entities and the effectiveness of a UCC Financing Statement involves more than filing documents with our office, we suggest you consult an attorney, accountant or other professional. **State Department of Assessments & Taxation staff cannot offer business counseling or legal advice.**
- 2. Regarding annual documents to be filed with the Department of Assessments & Taxation: All domestic and foreign legal entities must submit a Business Personal Property Return to the Department. Failure to file a Business Personal Property Return will result in forfeiture of your right to conduct business in Maryland. The Business Personal Property Return is due annually on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Information on Filing:

# Where and how do I file my documents?

By mail or in-person submissions should directed to:

State Department of Assessments and Taxation, Charter Division 301 W. Preston Street; 8th Floor Baltimore, MD 21201-2395

All checks must be made out to State Department of Assessments and Taxation. The cost to file documents should be included with the form. A schedule of filing fees is available online at <a href="http://dat.maryland.gov/businesses/Documents/FEES.pdf">http://dat.maryland.gov/businesses/Documents/FEES.pdf</a>

Online business registration and document filing via the Maryland EGov Business portal. See the Maryland Business Express link on the homepage at www.dat.maryland.gov

The Department of Assessments and Taxation no longer accepts via facsimile (fax) corporate documents for filing or document copy request.

## How long will it take to process my documents?

Regular document processing time is 4 - 6 weeks.

Expedited processing request will be handled within 7 business days. The expedited service fee is an additional \$50.00 for each document; other fees may also apply.

Hand-delivered documents in limited quantities receive same day expedited service between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. You must be in line no later than 4:15 p.m. in order to receive service that same day.

Online filed documents are considered expedited and will be processed within 7 business days.

