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MEDIA ALERT

<u>Utah businesses getting hit with misleading letters from "Utah Council for Corporations" asking for \$150.00 fee for annual records solicitation form</u>

"Mailers asking for annual records fee hitting Utah business mailboxes statewide" (For immediate release...)

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah - Francine A. Giani, Executive Director of the Utah Department of Commerce, announced today the Division of Corporations and Commercial Code and Division of Consumer Protection have received reports that misleading letters are being sent to Utah businesses instructing owners to pay \$150.00 for an annual records solicitation form to an entity with a government agency sounding name. The letter is addressed from a "**Utah Council for Corporations**" which does not exist in Utah and directs companies to a Salt Lake City address for payment. The mailer asks companies to update shareholders, directors and officers on a records form which is not sanctioned by the State of Utah.

"With Utah's reputation as the best state for business, it is extremely concerning that a company would look to profit off those businesses who are supporting and growing our state economy," stated Francine A. Giani, Executive Director.

The language in the letter, annual records solicitation form and on the printed payment envelope appears to be a government notice. State regulators warn companies may assume that by submitting these forms and payment that this document will be filed with the Division of Corporations and Commercial Code which is untrue.

"This mailer is disingenuous. The Division of Corporations and Commercial Code does not send out an annual records solicitation form. If business owners are confused, they should contact our Division directly," advised Kathy Berg, Division Director.

While the "Utah Council for Corporations" may be offering an expensive nonessential service, most companies whether large or small can meet the annual filing requirements with the State of Utah on their own through nominal fees.



If a business has received this letter and has questions about their registration, they are asked to contact the Division of Corporations and Uniform Commercial Code at (801) 530-4849. For information about a business registration or annual filing requirements, log onto the Division's website at; www.corporations.utah.gov

If a business has sent money to the "Utah Council for Corporations" and would like to file a complaint with the Division of Consumer Protection, an online form is available here; www.consumerprotection.utah.gov

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2016 - ANNUAL RECORDS SOLICITATION FORM SHAREHOLDERS, DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

(Utah Corporations)

IMPORTANT! FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS EXACTLY WHEN COMPLETING THIS FORM. PLEASE PRINT.					
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Please make your check payable to: Utah Council for Corporations			Enter Credit Card Number: Enter Expiration Date of Credit Card: /		
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Signature Date					
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE ANNUAL RECORDS SOLICITATION FORM (Utah Corporations)

Review the accuracy of the preprinted corporate name and address and make any changes necessary. **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.**

Step 1	Verify the name of each stockholder. You must account for 100% of the outstanding shares. Any changes may be indicated on reverse of the form.
Step 2	Verify the name of all members of the Board of Directors. Members of the Board of Directors must be at least 18 years of age. Any changes may be indicated on reverse of the form.
Step 3	Verify the title of an officer and the name and address of the officer. You must have at least one officer. Typical officers are Chief Executive Officer (CEO), President, Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Treasurer, Chief Operations Officer (COO). In addition, list any other corporate officers. Any changes may be indicated on reverse of the form.
Step 4	Verify the name, email address and phone number of the person to contact if we have any questions. Any changes may be indicated on reverse of the form.
Step 5	Provide a valid payment method.
Step 6	Sign the form to verify the validity of information provided and authorize your payment.
Step 7	Return the entire completed form with payment.

Submit the Annual Records Solicitation Form together with the payment for preparation of documents to satisfy the annual corporate records for your corporation. Submit a check for \$150.00 payable to Utah Council for Corporations and mail to:

UTAH COUNCIL FOR CORPORATIONS 4760 South Highland Drive, #526 Salt Lake City, UT 84117-5149 (888) 408-0886

Completed documents will be mailed to you within four weeks. Have each shareholder and director sign the documents where indicated and keep them as permanent records.

Maintaining records is important to the existence of all corporations. Of particular importance are records of shareholders and director actions. You can engage an attorney to prepare the documents, prepare them yourself, use some other service company or use our service.

Please note: The preparation of annual corporate records does not satisfy the requirement to file the annual report required by Utah Revised Business Corporation Act §16-10a-1607. The annual report and instructions may be found online.